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French grip over Tammuz revealed

PARIS, June 16 (R) — France's Atomic Energy Commission (CEA) disclosed Tuesday that under a 1979 agreement France had 10 year's right of control over the Iraqi nuclear research center destroyed by Israel earlier this month. In a government-authorized statement nine days after the Israeli air raid on the French-built center near Baghdad, CEA President Michel Pequeur said the main object of the nuclear research center had been to train Iraqi nuclear scientists and technicians in research programs.

"Under a 10-year agreement signed in 1979, France had a right of control over the Tammuz reactor," Pequeur told reporters. "We had a foot inside Tammuz and were able to keep a close eye on its activities."

This hitherto secret clause was written into the agreement primarily on technical grounds because such a reactor "posed serious problems regarding its security and functioning," Pequeur said. The 1979 agreement provided for regular inspections by controllers of the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), he said.

Marcos wins

By Joe Pavla
Arab News Correspondent

MANILA, June 16 — President Ferdinand Marcos Tuesday night won re-election by landslide as expected in balloting that saw the Filipino people reject a call to boycott the Philippine presidential elections, the first in 12 years since 1969, eight of which were under martial law.

On the basis of unofficial returns three hours after Tuesday's polls closed at 5 p.m., Marcos was getting better than 85 percent of votes cast. Two chief rivals, Alejandro Santos of the Nacionalista Party was taking about 12 percent of the votes and Bartolome Cabangbang of the Federal Party getting a little over two percent.

Santos, 69, who was former defense minister, claimed his men captured several ballot boxes illegally stuffed with ballots marked for Marcos. Santos was a Marcos loyalist until after the United Democratic opposition (UNIDO) decided not to field any candidate, and he filed his certificate of candidacy, with Marcos' former information minister, Francisco S. Tatad, as campaign manager.

UNIDO, an alliance of former senators and other anti-Marcos politicians, has spearheaded nationwide boycott movement. It was accused Marcos' New Society Movement of "acts of violence, terrorism, harassment, intimidation and other violations of election laws."

Boycott leaders said they had fielded 150 poll watchers in Manila to count people entering voting precincts and compare the figures with official returns. But the official Philippines News Agency reported that the Commission on Elections (Comelec) as estimating an 80 to 90 percent turnout of the some 25.5 million registered voters.

The failure of the boycott movement, the first of its kind in Philippine political history, was attributed by leaders of the ruling Kilusang Bagong Lipunan (KBL) to the massive information drive by the entire government machinery to explain the issues and get the people to go out and vote.

Assured of an overwhelming mandate, his third since his election in 1965 and reelection in 1969, President Marcos said his priority would be to work for "unification and reconciliation."

Reporting his interview with newsmen accompanying him to hometown of Batac, Ilocos Norte in northern Luzon where he voted, the PNA quoted Marcos as saying that he would ask "our friends" (the opposition), even those abroad, to come home and bring their suggestions and recommendations that would help achieve unity and reconciliation.

The president also said that another priority is the acceleration of national development and the review of economic policies, noting that a big number of distressed industrial giants require immediate attention.

Khaled receives golden keys



KEY OF THE CITY FOR KHALED: King Khalid receives a box containing the key to the city of Madrid from the hands of the Mayor Enrique Tierno Galvan at a ceremony in the city hall Tuesday.

MADRID, June 16 (AP) — King Khalid who is on a state visit to Spain, received the Golden Key to Madrid from Mayor Enrique Tierno Galvan in a ceremony at the city hall Tuesday. On presenting the keys the mayor said they represented "the symbol of the permanent friendship between our two people."

The King, through an interpreter, expressed his country's support to Spain's economic development and its fight against terrorism. After signing on the golden book of the city Hall, the King drove to la Zarzuela Palace for a private luncheon with King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia. Tuesday night King Khalid was entertained at a dinner by Premier Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo.

Fahd, Ghana leader discuss relations

JEDDAH, June 16 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd and Dr. Degraft Johnson, the vice president of Ghana, Tuesday, discussed the Israeli attack on the nuclear research center in Iraq, the Palestinian case, Arab-African cooperation and Ghana's economic situation. After the one-and-a-half hour meeting, Sheikh Abdul Rahman Mansouri, foreign undersecretary for political affairs, said that the talks were fruitful and constructive and further consolidated Saudi-Ghanaian relations.

Prince Fahd briefed Johnson on the history of the Arab-Israeli conflict all over the Arab world, in Palestine, Iraq and Lebanon. He pointed out the dangers inherent in Israeli arrogance in the area, saying they jeopardize international peace and security. Prince Fahd said Saudi Arabia and the Arab world in general appreciated Ghana's and Africa's stand against on-going Israeli aggression of the Arab world and denial of the Palestinian people's legitimate rights. Sheikh Abdul Rahman said that his views were identical.

The talks were attended by Prince Abdullah, the second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard; Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khail, the minister of finance and national economy; Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer; Sheikh Abdul Rahman, and Ambassador Abbas Ghazawi from the Foreign Ministry. The Ghanaian delegation included the minister of fuel and energy, France W. Taqwi; the minister of finance and economic planning, Prof. George Pina; Deputy Foreign Minister Dr. Yaacoub Saka; and Ghana's Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Al-Haj Mahmoud Souka Ibrahim.

Prince Fahd, Monday evening, received Sheikh Suhaim bin Hamad Al-Thani, brother of the ruler of Qatar, Prince Abdullah attended the meeting which took place at the Royal Palace here.

Group censures Israel

UNITED NATIONS, June 16 (R) — Nonaligned members of the Security Council Tuesday called on it to punish Israel for committing an act of aggression in the June 7 bombing of Iraq's nuclear research center. After meeting under the chairmanship of Cuba, they issued a communique recommending that the council invoke mandatory provisions of the U.N. Charter, including sanctions, against Israel.

The United States has threatened to veto a sanctions resolution which Britain also opposes. The nonaligned nations' communique surprised some observers, because only Monday they seemed to be backing off sanctions in a revised working paper, the usual preliminary to a council resolution, which they had circulated.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Saadoun Hammadi, who addressed the group Tuesday morning, has all along proposed tough embargoes against Israel.

Cuban Foreign Minister Isidoro Malmerca came to New York to preside over the nonaligned states' caucus. In their communique, the participating countries declared: "In view of the act of aggression committed by Israel and the constant threat its aggressive policies pose to international peace and security, (the Security Council should) take effective measures against Israel in accordance with Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter."

The nonaligned countries also called on all states, and especially the U.S., "to refrain from giving Israel any assistance, whether military, political or economic, that might encourage it to pursue its aggressive policies against the Arab countries and the Palestinian people." Similar language was used in the working paper previously circulated for the Security Council.

The procession of delegates censuring Israel for the attack on the Iraqi center continued Tuesday, the fourth day of the council's debate. U.S. Delegate Jeane Kirkpatrick reserved her statement until later in the day.

In Geneva, Iraq called Tuesday for the expulsion of Israel from the International Labor Organization (ILO) and other world bodies. Labor Minister Babakar Mahmoud Rassoul told the ILO assembly that this "atrocious crime" could have led to an international explosion and had no justification except Israeli egotism.

In Paris, a French Jewish organization, angered by France's censure of the Israeli attack on the Iraqi plant published extracts of a pre-election letter by President Francois Mitterrand expressing opposition to Iraq's nuclear project.

In Strasbourg, France, two resolutions condemning Israel were laid before the European Parliament Tuesday. The Socialist group, largest in the 434-member assembly, warned of the danger of open conflict in the Middle East and called for greater controls by the International Atomic Energy Agency in the region.

Reagan alleges Israel no threat to Arab countries

WASHINGTON, June 16 (Agencies) — American President Ronald Reagan claimed Tuesday that Israel is not a threat to the Arab countries. "It is difficult for me to envision Israel as being a threat to its neighbors," Reagan told a televised press conference here, adding that some Arab countries were opposed to the very existence of Israel as a state.

He said that the Israeli attack on an Iraqi nuclear research center with American-supplied weapons appeared to be a violation of U.S. law but Israel might have sincerely believed it was a defensive move. Reagan told the conference he would have preferred Israel not to undertake the June 7 raid and instead to allow his administration to intervene with France, which built the reactor, to halt the supply of technology to Iraq. In his first full press conference since the March 30 attempt on his life, Reagan said the incident demonstrated the need to achieve real peace in the Middle East.

The president said Israel's air strike against Iraq was still under review by his officials and by Congress. He said it appeared that Israel, in using U.S.-supplied weapons, had violated laws restricting their use to defensive purposes.

But the president went on to say that Israel very possibly "might have sincerely believed it was a defensive move." Reagan's remarks, indicating support for both Israel and its critics, suggested that the administration had not yet decided on its long-term policy on the highly sensitive issue.

The president last week ordered the suspension of delivery of four F-16 aircraft, similar to the type used by Israel in the raid, on the grounds that Israel might have substantially violated its treaty obligation in launching the raid.

Asked whether he believed Israel should join other countries including Iraq in signing the nuclear non-proliferation treaty, Reagan said: "I dare not give very much thought to that particular question."

He suggested that some countries which had signed the accord might nevertheless be going ahead secretly with nuclear weapons development.

The 70-year-old president, looking fit after recovering from a bullet wound in the left lung, said he hoped the attack on Iraq would not destroy chances of defusing tensions between Israel and Syria over Syrian anti-aircraft missiles based in Lebanon. He noted that special U.S. envoy Philip Habib was still in Middle East and added: "Until he comes home and says 'I give up,' I am going to believe that he can do it."

Arabs said considering sanctions over U.S. veto

KUWAIT, June 16 (AP) — Arab oil producers will consider an oil embargo if the United States vetoes the imposition of sanctions against Israel to punish it for its attack on Iraq's nuclear research center.

Al-Siyassah said the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) will hold an emergency session if the United States uses its veto in the current U.N. Security Council debate. The debate was requested by Iraq, to seek sanctions against Israel for its attack on the Baghdad nuclear reactor on Sunday June 7.

The newspaper said "the emergency meeting of OAPEC will be devoted to consideration of use of oil as a political weapon in support of Arab interests."

It also quoted the Tunisian foreign minister, Beji Caid-Essebsi who is currently in New York for the Security Council debate as saying that if the United States cast a veto, then "an Arab summit conference will be held in Baghdad to discuss the action to be taken against America."

Ramadan's sanctity Non-Muslims cautioned

By Shamsuddin Ansari

JEDDAH, June 16 — The Interior Ministry Tuesday called upon non-Muslim residents to observe the sanctity of the month of Ramadan by avoiding eating and drinking in public places during the day.

In a statement on the month of fasting, due to begin after a fortnight, the ministry said it will be an offense on the part of a non-Muslim to eat, drink or smoke in public during the daytime in this holy month. Such an act will be considered an infringement on the sanctity of this month and a manifestation of a lack of regard for the spiritual atmosphere, it added.

The statement, issued in Riyadh, hoped that all foreign residents will come up to its expectations by showing due regard for the country's traditions. It warned that anyone violating the instructions will be liable to immediate penal sanctions.

The statement further urged companies, establishments and individuals to draw the attention of their employees toward the observance of Islamic sentiments in this Islamic country. It reiterated that offenders will be subject to deterrent penalty, including imprisonment and deportation.

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic 'Lunar' calendar, during which Muslims are divine-ordained to fast from dawn to dusk each day. This month-long fasting is the third of the five pillars of Islam, which every Muslim, except children, must observe throughout his or her life in this month of every year. The five pillars of Islam are: bearing testimony to the oneness of God and to Muhammad being the Messenger of God; prayer five times a day; month-long fasting; alms-giving of two and a half percent annually from one's wealth; and pilgrimage to Makkah once in a lifetime by those physically and financially capable of performing the journey.

Assad meets Habib

DAMASCUS, June 16 (Agencies) — U.S. special envoy Philip Habib had talks Tuesday with Syrian President Hafez Assad amid signs that his peace shuttle was running into increasing difficulties. The Syrian Arab News Agency reported that the meeting between Habib and Assad started at 11:30 a.m. local time (0939 GMT) in the presidential palace. Others present were U.S. Undersecretary of State Morris Draper, who is traveling with Habib on his current Mideast shuttle, Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam and U.S. ambassador to Syria, Talcott Seelye.

Habib arrived in Syria on Monday after spending the weekend in Saudi Arabia where he met Crown Prince Fahd.

The Damascus newspaper *Tishrin*, the official voice of the Syrian government, said Tuesday that Habib's mission "is taking place amid a continuing flow of provocative Israeli statements which add to the mounting tension while we were told that the envoy mission is to defuse the crisis."

Tishrin, reaffirming Syria's determination to maintain the SAM-6 missiles, said: "If Begin was not sure of full American backing, he would not be issuing those statements." Another Damascus daily, *Al-Baath*, attacked "those who still have illusions about America's neutrality." The newspaper added: "There can be no separation between the U.S. and the Israeli stand, in spite of all the diplomatic misleading balloons that Washington throws out from time to time."

Iraq, Iran swap wounded prisoners

NICOSIA, June 16 (AFP) — Iran and Iraq Tuesday exchanged badly wounded prisoners on the runway at Larnaka airport in Cyprus, sources said here. Seventeen Iraqis were exchanged for 25 Iranians in a deal arranged by the International Red Cross under the Third Geneva Convention on POW's considered medically unfit for further combat.

An Iraqi cargo plane landed at Larnaka at 10:50 a.m. local time (0705 GMT), followed 20 minutes later by an aircraft of the charter company Balair coming from Tehran. The prisoners switched aircraft under the eyes of Red Cross officials. After refueling the Iraqi aircraft took off first, two hours after it landed, while the Iranian plane left 35 minutes later.

It was the first exchange of prisoners since the war broke out last September. (In Geneva the Red Cross said it was carried out at the request of Iran.)

(The Red Cross also said it had sent Sunday 7.5 tons of emergency supplies of tents, blankets and other aid to Iran for the relief of victims of last week's earthquake.)

In addition to the stretcher cases most of the exchanged prisoners walked on crutches while others had their arms in slings. The Red Cross announcement in Geneva said there were no plans pending for further exchanges between the two countries.

Jazan airport opened

JAZAN, June 16 (SPA) — Jazan Governor Prince Muhammad bin Turki Al-Sudairi, Monday, opened Jazan's new airport. He thanked King Khalid, Crown Prince Fahd and Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan for the airport, one of many achievements in various fields. The SR92 million airport was designed and built by a Dutch firm with the participation of Saudi engineers.

According to Civil Aviation chief Sheikh Nasser Al-Assaf, the airport can receive international flights. A ticketing office, cloak room, buffet, and an arrival hall are located on the ground floor of the two story building. It is equipped with modern conveyor belts and closed circuit television. The administrative offices are on the upper floor.

Kreisky, Kirchschaeger in hospital

VIENNA, June 16 (AP) — Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky and President Rudolf Kirchschaeger were both hospitalized Monday after developing medical problems, government officials said. The 70-year-old Kreisky was reported out of "acute danger" after treatment for blood congestion in his lung caused by a sudden rise in blood pressure.

Kirchschaeger, 66, developed problems with shrapnel wounds suffered in his leg during World War II, his office said. Both Austrian leaders were reported to be conducting business from their hospital rooms and Vice Chancellor Fred Sinowatz said after a one-hour visit with Kreisky that the chancellor was in excellent spirits.

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Group urges halt to peace process

Cairo Bureau

CAIRO — June 16 — Representatives of Egypt's strong Islamic groups have published an unprecedented letter to President Anwar Sadat requesting cessation of the "peace process" with Israel and the declaration of *Jihad* or holy war. They based their request on the growing manifestations of Israel's aggressive intentions.

Copies of the letter were handed out to the Egyptian public after a large prayer meeting last Friday, attended by leaders of the Islamic movement, including Omar Teimasani, editor in chief of the Islamic magazine *Al-Dawa* and chief of the Muslim Brothers grouping; Sheikh Muhammad Ghazali;

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Badr gives prizes

RIYADH, June 16 (SPA) — Prince Badr, deputy commander of the National Guard, awarded prizes and certificates to the first batch of graduates in the programing and operation of computers at a graduation ceremony here Tuesday.

In a welcoming speech, Abdul Rahman Al-Rahimi, director of the Department of Computer Services and supervisor of the batch, thanked Prince Badr for objectives of the session. He said that, in view of the National Guard's rising needs, resulting from its continuous progress under the leadership of Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, officials have felt the need for a computer service in the development and modernization of many of the Guard's activities.

Rahimi added that the computer service will deal with the warehouses, the files of civil and military personnel of the Guard, in addition to preparing the budget, statistics and such other tasks as maintenance and operation.



Prince Badr, deputy commander of the National Guard

The batch consisting of more than 20 men from different departments of the Guard, has been trained by a local data systems company in cooperation with the Guard's department of computer services.

Iraq lauds Riyadh stand

JEDDAH, June 16 (SPA) — Iraq's Ambassador to the Kingdom, Sheikh Hamoud Shafik Al-Draji has said that Saudi Arabia's stances on various Arab and Islamic issues have been "constructive and positive."

In a press conference here Monday, the Iraqi ambassador described Saudi Arabia's stand on the Israeli criminal air attack on Iraqi nuclear plant as "noble."

Draji disclosed that the Israeli attacking planes had been flown at a very high altitude that had prevented the radar systems to detect their movements and direction. The planes were very sophisticated and armed with equipment capable of confusing the radar systems and were able to hit the targets from a distance of 100 km, he added.

Draji pointed out that the Israeli attack was not directed alone at Iraq but at the whole Arab and the Islamic world.

He called on the Arab and Islamic nations to unite their ranks to confront the Zionist enemy who is attempting to destroy the Arab nation militarily, economically and culturally.

Commenting on Iraq's relations with other Arab states, the ambassador described them as "close" and said that his country has a strong faith in Arab unity and solidarity.

Fahd to wash Holy Kaaba

MAKKAH, June 16 (SPA) — The King's Deputy, Crown Prince Fahd, will wash the Holy Kaaba Wednesday, it was announced here Tuesday.

Khalifa receives Talal

MANAMA, June 16 (SPA) — Bahrain's Prime Minister, Sheikh Khalifa bin Salman al-Khalifa has received here Prince Talal bin Abdul Aziz, the U.N. Secretary General's honorary assistant for the UNICEF affairs.

Prince Talal told SPA Monday that he reviewed with the Bahraini prime minister the programs of the Gulf states for boosting the activities of the U.N. specialised organizations in the Gulf region.

He also disclosed that invitations would be extended to the representatives of the Gulf states for a meeting in Bahrain to finalize the formation of "program administrative body" for the region.

Army officer promoted

RIYADH, June 16 (SPA) — A royal order was issued here Tuesday promoting Maj. Gen. Jaber Abdul Hafiz Al-Ghanemi to the rank of lieutenant general, with retrospective effect from Feb. 22.

COMMENT

By Amn Abdul Majid Al Medina

Now that the new King Abdul Aziz international airport has been put into service, the crowd and bustle of the old airport have become a thing of the past. This seems a good time enough to think about the area of the old airport and its strategic location in the midst of town. I believe that competent authorities must be studying the best possible way of utilizing the area in the interest of the public. Although much has been said and suggested in regard to using this area, the actual move of the airport to its new site is expected to activate the study and planning in order to be able to take a suitable decision in this behalf. However, we all know that the city of Jeddah has so expanded in every direction that the site of the old airport has almost become the center of this cosmopolitan city. With such a large area lying vacant, this should be

considered a valuable opportunity to transform it into public parks, garden, restaurants, luna park, zoological garden and many other healthy recreational games.

If we can accomplish this, the day will not be too far when we shall be able to take pride in our town possessing all the components of modern living despite past errors in town planning. I reiterate we have a good opportunity before us to implement such a vital project which normally is planned during the building of major towns in any country. For instance, we have before us Hyde Park in London, the Bois de Boulogne in Paris, and Disney Land in Los Angeles.

If we implement such a project in Jeddah now, and later in Riyadh and other towns, we will rectify the errors of the past. That we have great hopes in our future is itself a manifestation of our courage and ability to accomplish a project such as this.

FROM THE GULF

DUBAI, June 16 (WAM) — Sheikh Hamad bin Muhammad al-Sharqi, one of the UAE seven-member Supreme Council and ruler of Al-Fujairah, left here Tuesday for Makkah to perform "umrah" (minor haj).

ABU DHABI, June 16 (WAM) — Dr. Abdul Latif Abdul Hamid, the new Sudanese ambassador to the UAE, arrived here Tuesday. Before his transfer to the UAE, Dr. Abdul Hamid had worked as his country's ambassador in Chad and Lebanon. He was received at the airport by a number of senior government officials.

ABU DHABI, June 16 (WAM) — A North Yemen delegation led by Muhammad Hussein, director of the electricity corporation, will arrive here Friday on a three-day visit in the course of a Gulf tour.

While here, the delegation will hold talks with UAE officials on promoting bilateral cooperation in the field of electricity. Another delegation from the Moroccan center for promoting exports will arrive here Saturday on a visit.

ABU DHABI, June 16 (WAM) — United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan al-Nahyan Tuesday left here for Switzerland on a private visit. The president was seen off at the airport by Sheikh Rashid bin Saad al-Maktoum, vice president and prime minister, Sheikh Sultan bin Muhammad al-Qassimi, one of the UAE seven-member Supreme Council and ruler of Sharjah, Lt. Gen. Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed, Abu Dhabi Crown Prince and deputy supreme commander of the UAE Armed Forces, Sheikh Humaid bin Rashid Ajman, crown prince and deputy ruler, and Sheikh Hamdan bin Muhammad, deputy prime minister.

BEIRUT, June 16 (WAM) — Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) chairman Yasser Arafat arrived in Baghdad Tuesday to

Karachi project gets \$800,000

ISLAMABAD, June 16 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia has contributed a sum of \$800,000 for the building project of the Islamic Economic Chamber in Karachi, said the Turkish secretary-general of the chamber, Sami Onaran, according to a report carried by Karachi daily Dawn, Tuesday.

Onaran said the Pakistan government had already allotted a plot of land measuring 5,000 square yards for the building of the chambers headquarters in Karachi. The recently held 12th Islamic foreign ministers conference in Baghdad, Onaran said, considered the activities of Islamic Chambers and resolved to make an appeal to O.I.C. members state to make generous donations for the chambers' building project in Karachi.

Tarout allots funds

TAROUT, June 16 (SPA) — The Municipality of Tarout has allocated SR5.7 million in its current budget for the implementation of a number of public utility projects, Mayor Mubarak Muhammad Al-Musalat said here Tuesday.

He added that the projects will include a SR15 million public park to be constructed on a plot of 400,000 sq. meters. It will be equipped with a luna park, a swimming pool and a casino, he said.

Musalat said the projects also include asphaltting, paving and illumination of streets at an overall cost of SR19 million, in addition to a meat and vegetable market and a parking area at a cost of SR3.6 million.

Compensation allotted SR243m in Alkhorbar

ALKHOBAR, June 16 (SPA) — Alkhorbar Municipality Tuesday called on owners of a land plot located opposite the municipality building to come forward with ownership deeds to complete expatriation formalities. Mayor Abdul Rahman Al-Rajeh said that SR243 million has been allocated for compensating the owners of the 34,000 square meter site. The area will be developed into a public garden this year, he added.

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Ministers in Paris to highlight Arab views

PARIS, June 16 (SPA) — In practical implementation of last week's Arab information ministers' conference, held in Tunis, Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani and Bahraini Information Minister Tariq Al-Muayid held a series of meetings with French information and media officials here Monday.

Dr. Yamani also attended the first session of the 35-nation council for the International Program for Development of Communications. The conference is organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and aims at boosting Third World communications development.

The 35 nations represented come from Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Latin America, the West and the East.

Meanwhile, the Bahraini information minister commented on King Khalid's current visit of several European countries saying that it "gained us more respect, admiration to our countries and understanding of our causes."

In statements here, Muayid referred to Gulf information activities and said that the plan aims at centering attention on the Gulf peoples efforts regarding development and their role in supporting Arab causes and international issues.

Discussing the results of the recent information ministers' conference, he expressed satisfaction about the collective Arab information plan adopted to reveal the terrorism and repeated aggressions of Israel.

UAE official arrives

MEDINA, June 16 (SPA) — Sheikh Hamad Al-Sharqi, governor of Fujairah Emirate, UAE, arrived here Tuesday morning on a private visit. Sharqi was welcomed by Saad Nasser Al-Sudairi, Medina governorate undersecretary, and other officials.



LUNCHEON: Dr. Fayed Badr, president of Saudi ports authority, entertained Japanese Minister of Transport Masjuro Shiokawa, at a luncheon held at the Hyatt Regency hotel in Jeddah Tuesday. Seated left to right are Sheikh Abdullah Alhansa, deputy minister of foreign affairs, Shiokawa and Dr. Badr.

After talks with Badr Japanese minister departs

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, June 16 — The Japanese Minister of Transport Masjuro Shiokawa left here for Egypt Tuesday after a three-day official visit to the Kingdom to discuss ways of promoting cooperation in transportation. He was invited by Dr. Fayed Badr, president and chairman of the board of the Saudi Ports Authority.

Shiokawa and Badr had talks at the Jeddah Islamic Port and discussed possible cooperation between the two countries in maritime operations and in the exchange of information and visits by senior officials. "There has been nothing definite yet," the Japanese Ambassador, T. Nakamura told the Arab News at a luncheon given by Badr for the Japanese delegation at the Hyatt Regency just before leaving for the airport. "We have had wide-ranging discussions and hope to see some results soon," he said.

Earlier the General Manager of the Authority, Muhammad Abdul Karim Baker, said that the two parties reviewed the participation of Japanese companies in the development of programs concerning Saudi Arabian ports. The Kingdom's officials

emphasized the need for Japanese companies to increase their share of work in upgrading the local ports. The minister said he would convey this request to the Japanese companies involved in maritime transport.

The minister was taken on a tour of the port and expressed his admiration for the improvements made in such a short time, for ships' waiting periods have been reduced to zero from several weeks, as was the case in the mid-seventies during the unprecedented boom which followed the launching of the second five-year development plan. He also visited the new King Abdul Aziz International Airport, which opened earlier this month.

Shiokawa will be paying a similar visit to Egypt and then proceeding to Britain on a private visit before returning home.

Meanwhile, it was announced here that Japanese Minister of International Trade and Industry Roko Soky will arrive in Riyadh Saturday to represent his country at the meetings of the joint commission, which arose out of an economic and technical cooperation agreement between the two countries. Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazor will represent the Kingdom.

TV series on Kingdom prepared

JEDDAH, June 16 (Special) — A major three-part television series on Saudi Arabia is currently nearing completion. It is expected to be released nationwide in Feb. 1982 on public broadcasting service stations.

The American-Arab Association for Commerce and Industry, Inc. of New York has provided support for the series which is underwritten in part by the association members, Ford Motor Company and Morgan Guaranty Trust.

The series was recently filmed on location in Saudi Arabia and focuses on the traditional and emerging roles of the Kingdom and its population. It features interviews with top officials and boasts the first Saudi Arabian wedding ever to be filmed for general television viewing.

Executive producer for the Saudi Arabian series is Jo Franklin-Trount of Washington D.C., who for many years produced the MacNeil/Lehrer Report. Her next project is a three-part television series on Islam, also for public broadcasting.

Pakistan pilgrim groups due

JEDDAH, June 16 — Pakistan will send 6,000 pilgrims in groups for the performance of the pilgrimage and hopes to enlarge the system in the future, according to embassy sources Tuesday.

The sources said that groups have been formed by the members voluntarily. They selected their own leaders and applied collectively for permission to come here.

In all, there will be 144 groups, each comprising 40 to 44 pilgrims. They will travel, live and return together. Some group leaders have already visited the country to arrange for accommodation and other services and returned home to lead the rest on their pilgrimage.

This year nearly 50,000 pilgrims will come from Pakistan of whom 11,000 will travel by sea and the rest by air. All of them will travel

on special pilgrimage passports. They will start arriving in mid-August using 170 special flights and nine sea voyages. They will be accompanied by a medical mission which will be enlarged this year to include 20 doctors including six specialists, 52 paramedics and 20 nonparamedics in addition to seven ambulances.

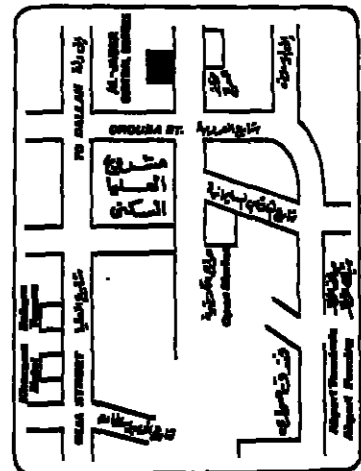
Last month a senior Pakistani official, I.A. Imtiaz visited the Kingdom to discuss arrangements for his country's pilgrims with the authorities here. He also visited Makkah, Jeddah and Riyadh.

The team was greatly impressed by the tremendous improvement made by the Kingdom in physical facilities for the pilgrims, and noted that these facilities would further ease the performance of pilgrimages.

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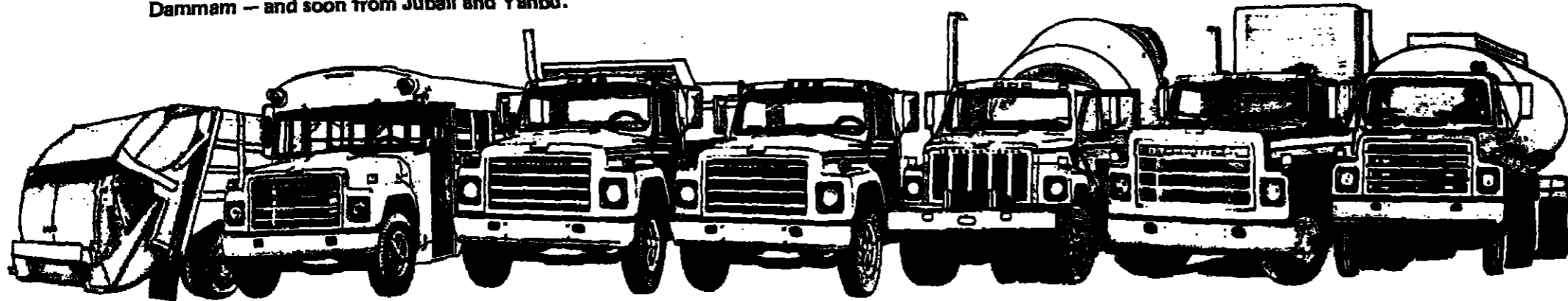
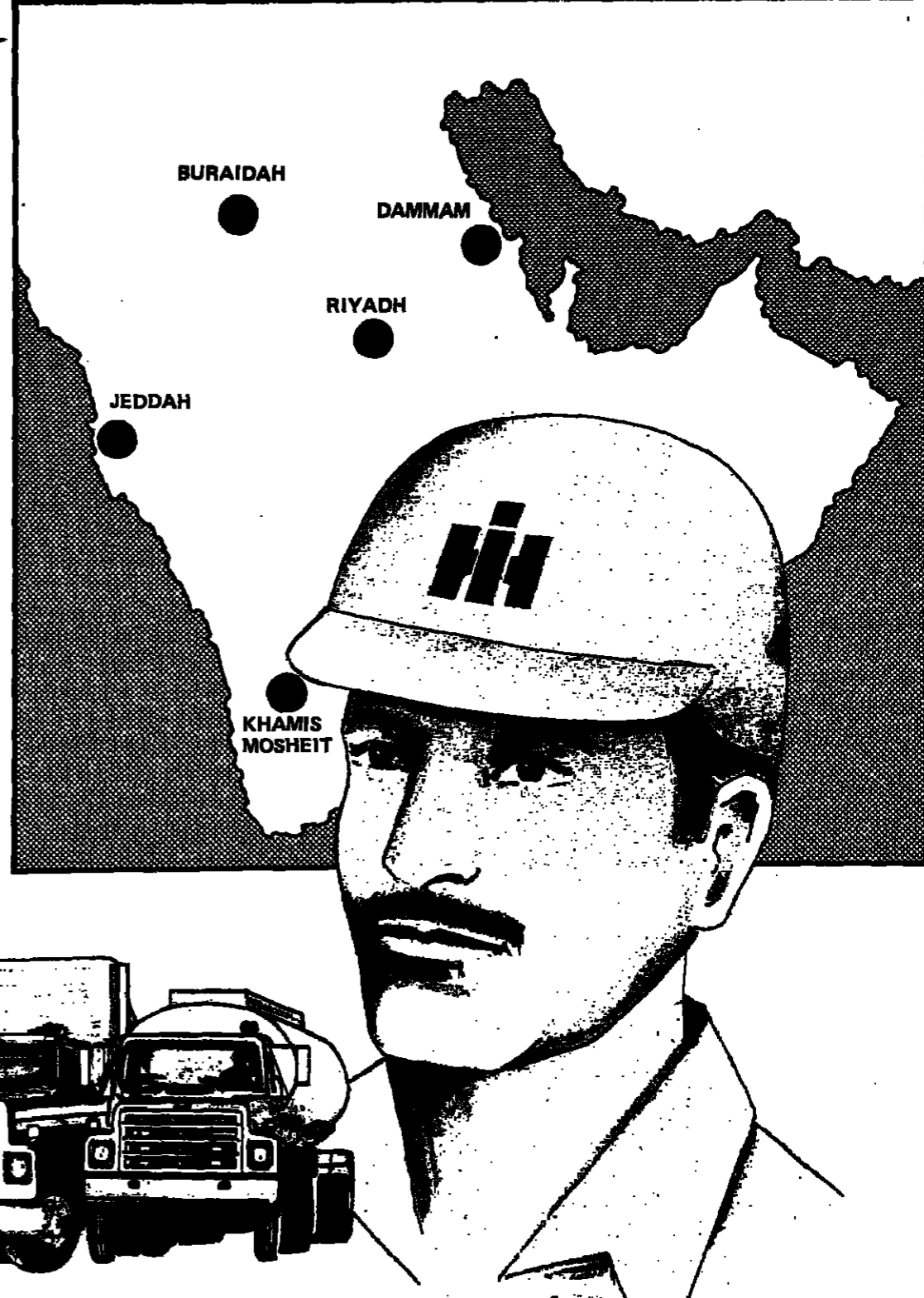
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By Majlis

Rules for Bani-Sadr impeachment okayed

TEHRAN, June 16 (Agencies) — Iran's Majlis (national assembly) Tuesday approved ground rules for the impeachment of President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr. Some 138 of 183 deputies present in the 270-seat chamber voted to discuss Bani-Sadr's competence to remain president with double urgency — the assembly's highest priority.

Bani-Sadr's ship appears to be sinking fast. Many senior aides abandoned him and others were arrested. Among those who quit and publicly denounced the president within the last 48 hours were his cultural adviser Ali Musavi Garmaroodi and Shababeddin Eshraghi, Bani-Sadr's representative on the three-man panel that formerly arbitrated disputes between the president and his IRP opponents.

At least 10 aides were officially reported arrested including the general manager of the president's own newspaper *Enghelab Eslami*, which was closed a week ago along with the five other Tehran dailies. As government spokesman Behzad Nabavi put it to a recent news conference, "the president now looks like an opposition leader."

Some 145 deputies approved a detailed plan for the impeachment debate, which would give Bani-Sadr 10 hours to defend himself against his political opponents, who would also have 70 hours to prove his incompetence.

Karmal launches new front

NEW DELHI, June 16 (AP) — President Babrak Karmal of Afghanistan has inaugurated a much-publicized national front organization aimed at combating disunity and broadening support for his Soviet-installed regime against the Muslim freedom fighters.

In a keynote address to the assembly of the "National Fatherland Front" Monday, the 54-year-old president said its formation was "a great and historic step toward national unity," the government radio reported.

The front was announced by Karmal last Dec. 27 on the first anniversary of the Soviet military intervention that brought him to power. It was officially scheduled to be launched on Afghan new year's day in March, but sharp differences between the "Parcham" and "Khalq" Marxist Party factions reportedly held up its formation.

Inauguration of the front followed closely a major reshuffle in Kabul in which Karmal apparently tightened his control over the government and party.

petence. The approved Majlis proposal Tuesday said: "We, the undersigned, due to the present conditions of the country and demonstrations of millions of the revolutionary people of Iran against the violation of law of the president, are proposing the following legal proposals as the regulations for discussing the incompetence of the president and are asking for its approval with double urgency."

The proposal's five articles, among other things, prohibit issues unrelated to the essence of the bill from being raised during the debate. "Voting on the president's lack of competence must take place in open session of the Majlis and will be binding by absolute majority vote," it said.

Speaker Hojatoleslam Hashem Rafsanjani said after the vote that the Majlis had canceled a planned holiday Wednesday so that the president's competence could be discussed immediately. Rafsanjani was standing on the steps of the Majlis building addressing a crowd of about 5,000 fundamentalists who had come to put pressure on the deputies for a quick debate.

The fundamentalists, known as Hezbollah, the Party of God, were chanting: "The Majlis is the guardian of our doctrine and we hate Bani-Sadr the hypocrite." The speaker thanked them for coming to the assembly and said they should stay on the political scene until Iran's revolution was "permanently established."

Majlis sources said discussions on forming detailed procedure for impeachment of the president were expected to begin later Tuesday, with the whole process likely to take about one week until the final vote.

Only one deputy spoke up for the embattled president in the Majlis. "I know this much, that under present conditions, opposing double urgency of this bill is political suicide," said Hoga'i Kermani after reading part of a letter sent by Bani-Sadr Monday to Ayatollah Khomeini. He added: "I am against it because of this atmosphere." Speaker Rafsanjani later on ordered Kermani's microphone cut off.

Meanwhile, a bomb exploded inside the presidential palace of Bani-Sadr Monday night, a spokesman at his office said Tuesday. No injuries were reported. Shortly before the blast, Bani-Sadr put out a statement to the press from the presidential compound to answer a call by Khomeini on the president to make a public apology for past mistakes and said "I will accept repentance."

Bani-Sadr pledged unwavering allegiance to the 81-year-old Ayatollah and said "my response is that your (Khomeini) behavior toward my rights is unjust. I have not had any bad intentions toward you or the country."

World Bank seeks to bar PLO from IMF meeting

BEIRUT, June 16 (R) — The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) said Tuesday that its observer status at the United Nations gave it the right to the same status at the World Bank, which intends to exclude the PLO from its annual meeting.

Monetary sources in Washington Monday said the World Bank would not let the PLO attend its joint annual meeting with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) this September as an observer.

The United States has vigorously opposed observer status for the PLO at the meeting of the world's finance ministers. The PLO has had observer status at the U.N. since 1974.

Asked by Reuters to comment on the PLO's probable exclusion from the meeting, Majed Abu Sharara, head of the PLO Unified Information, said: "The fact that the PLO is an observer at the United Nations gives it the right to have the same status as far as the World Bank is concerned."

Sharara continued: "The United States' position to block the PLO as an observer reflects the American policy which is hostile to the Palestinian people and the Arab nation."

The U.S. government has opposed allowing the PLO to attend the meeting, claiming its presence would turn the session into a forum for political disputes. At a recent meeting of the IMF's policy-making interim committee in Libreville, Gabon, the U.S. warned the developing countries against trying to turn the fund sessions into a political arena.

The PLO, backed by much of the Third World including the oil-producing countries, has been seeking observer status at the meetings for the past two years.

Poll shows Israelis favor Begin as prime minister

TEL AVIV, June 16 (Agencies) — Prime Minister Menachem Begin is the favored choice for premier in upcoming elections over opposition Labor Party leader Shimon Peres, a poll published Tuesday in the *Jerusalem Post* indicates.

Some 39.8 percent of the voters questioned by the independent Modi'in Ezrahi Applied Research Center said Begin was the best suited to be prime minister, up from 34.4 percent in early May and 27.3 percent in April.

The poll was taken in early June, before Begin ordered an Israeli attack on Iraq's nuclear research center.

Peres recouped some of his popularity with 23.0 percent of the electorate polled naming him their choice for premier, up from 19.6 percent in early May but still less than the 23.7 percent who supported him in April.

Syria, Turkey sign extradition pact

ANKARA, June 16 (AP) — Turkey and Syria have signed an extradition accord, calling for both countries to return fugitives to their homelands.

The agreement of "mutual assistance in criminal affairs and extradition of criminals" was signed in Ankara by the Syrian Justice Minister Halid el-Maki and his Turkish counterpart, Cevdet Montes, late Monday.

Montes said after the signing ceremony, "The terrorists who fled to Syria following last

Sudan to break up railway network

KHARTOUM, June 16 (AP) — Sudan's strike-bothered national railway network will be broken up into regional transit companies with local headquarters overseeing their railways according to the state news agency.

The Sudanese news agency, SUNA, quoted Sudan's President Jaafar Numeiri as announcing the plans after attempts proved futile in ending the rail strike that has slowed the national network since May 31.

Arafat arrives in Iraq after talks in Syria

BEIRUT, June 16 (R) — Palestinian commando chief Yasser Arafat, who is on a tour of Arab states, arrived in Baghdad Tuesday, the official Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported. He flew to Iraq from Damascus where he had talks Monday with Syrian President Hafez Assad.

The head of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) had previously visited Algeria, Libya and Morocco in an apparent effort to help resolve Arab differences and create a united front against Israel.

Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi said he had asked Arafat to help re-establish diplomatic relations between Iraq and Libya, broken off because of disagreements about the Gulf war with Iran. Arafat told INA that Israel's air strike against an Iraqi nuclear reactor near Baghdad was directed against the whole Arab nation and threatened the security of the entire Arab region.

According to Arab diplomatic sources, Arafat will urge Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to seek an end to the nine-month-old Gulf war with neighboring Iran.

Siad Barre starts visit to Romania

BUCHAREST, June 16 (AFP) — President Muhammad Siad Barre of Somalia arrived here Tuesday for an official visit, the Romanian news agency reported.

Barre's trip to Romania is of particular interest, political observers said, because of the Somali-Ethiopian conflict, which Somalia claims Ethiopia has stepped up the past week with bombing raids on Somali towns.

BRIEFS

DACCA, (R) — Presidential elections will be held in Bangladesh on Sept. 21 to choose a successor to assassinated President Ziaur Rahman, acting President Abdus Sattar announced Tuesday. President Zia was killed in an abortive army rebellion on May 30 in the southern port city of Chittagong.

ANKARA, (AP) — A military prosecutor Monday demanded prison terms from 8 to 15 years for 24 leaders of a pro-Peking party on charges of conspiring to overthrow the constitutional regime in Turkey.

TEL AVIV, (AP) — An Israeli mobile army patrol was attacked by a hail of stones

Monday in the occupied West Bank, a military spokesman said.

BEIRUT, (AFP) — A Lebanese army soldier and a woman civilian were wounded Monday by sniper fire in Beirut during the first reported violation of the ceasefire in more than a week, the right-wing Phalangist radio reported.

PARIS, (AFP) — Egyptian Vice-President Hosni Mubarak left here Tuesday for Cairo after a six-day visit to France. He told reporters before leaving that, his talks with French Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy had covered relations between France and Egypt and the Middle East question.

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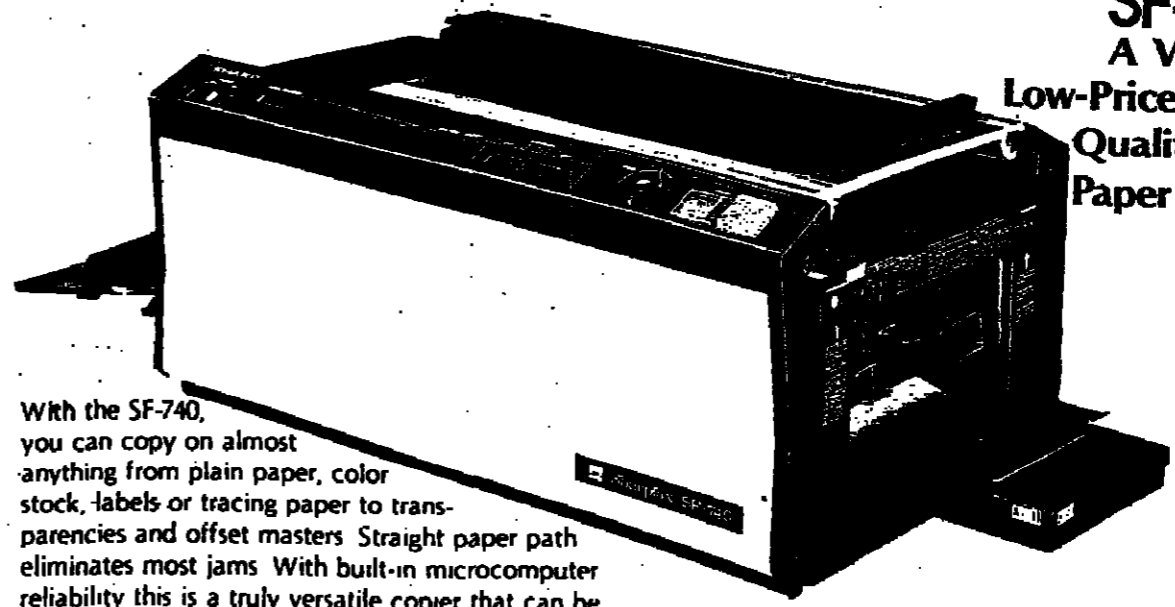
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His Excellency Sheikh Hamad Al Shawi, Deputy Governor of Makkah has opened the Abdul Latif Jameel Education and Training Centre at the gala opening ceremony on Sunday, June 14th.

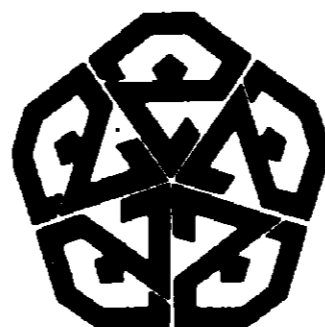
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Bangladesh, India spar over silt island

By Colin Smith

NEW DELHI —

In the Bay of Bengal the navies of India and Bangladesh have been sparring with each other — no shots so far but plenty of close encounters — over the possession of a silt island which has surfaced in the estuary of a border river called the Hariabhanga. The sparring was temporarily interrupted by last month's assassination of President Ziaur Rahman but there's no sign of any political solution in sight.

As *Causus belli* go New Moore Island must be one of the strangest since the war of Jenkin's Ear. For although India laid general claim to the area in 1971 it was not until an American earth resources satellite photographed the island with infra-red cameras in 1974 that either side were properly aware of its existence (NASA has a bilateral agreement with the Indian government to exchange information on natural resources).

The kidney-shaped island has been formed by centuries of silt washed down from the mountains of Tibet and Nepal. Its size, depending on the tide along this marshy coastline, varies between about one and 10 square miles. Until recently, when the Indian navy landed a detachment of the border security force there, its only inhabitants were the gulls who nested among the new shrubs born out of the silt.

Bangladesh argues that New Moore is theirs because the middle of the Hariabhanga river marks the border and if this median line is extended into the estuary it puts the island firmly on their side. India insists that you cannot apply river law to maritime boundaries. Part of their case is based on an old British admiralty chart which, they maintain, clearly shows the area to be off the coast of Indian West Bengal.

At stake is the creation of a precedent which could determine who owns the largest slice of a continental shelf that might be rich in oil deposits. Bangladesh has already granted oil exploration rights to seven American oil companies. It is the sort of issue which good neighbors might be expected to resolve without resorting to gunboat diplomacy. But behind all this bad temper, which has seen units of the Bangladesh fleet — eight vessels including the river force — manning their guns as they closed in on an unarmed Indian survey ship, is a history of steadily deteriorating relations.

Ten years ago the Indian army completed its role as midwife and Bangladesh, the largest nation state to join the United Nations since Indian independence, emerged from the agony of East Pakistan.

After a 12-day campaign, Gen. A.K. Niazi and 93,000 Pakistani soldiers surrendered to the Sikh Gen. Aurora in Dacca. Yet nowadays, Indian visitors to the liberation section of the National Museum in Bangladesh capital have been shocked to find that India's role in the affair has been expunged to the point where Aurora's name is omitted from the caption to the historic surrender picture.

The turning point in Indo-Bangladesh relations came on August 15, 1975, when Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the man who had fired his people with the dream of a separate Bengali nation, was murdered in an army coup together with most of his family. Among the survivors was the Sheikh's eldest daughter, Begum Hasina Sheikh Wazed, who was in Belgium at the time. She was granted political asylum in Delhi where she became the focal point of Awami League resistance to successive military regimes.

Although Ziaur Rahman was emphatic about maintaining Bangladesh's status as a nonaligned nation, he was regarded in Delhi as being transparently pro-American.

Other points of friction are Indian plans to divert the water of the Upper Ganges which, Dacca says, will alter its flow in a region of Bangladesh where it is vital for both irrigation and transport; an unchecked flow of illegal Bangladeshi immigrants into the Indian state of Assam which has provoked bitter violence between them and the native Assamese, and wrecked the economy of this oil-producing state; the alleged reclamation by Bangladesh to uproot Mizo rebels from their safe haven in the Chittagong hill tracts and the rewriting of the original secular constitution to emphasize the Islamic nature of the state.

The vehemence with which some of these points are argued has much to do with Bangladeshi fears that if they are not assertive they will be swallowed up as an Indian client state. Now the fruits of modern technology have given them something else to argue about in the changing form of New Moore Island. — (ONS)

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BANI-SADR'S DEFEAT

It is no wonder that people find it difficult to understand what is happening in Iran, a country where the head of state is at the same time the leader of the opposition, engaged in a fierce, and it now appears losing, fight with both the cabinet and parliament, not to mention the real leader of the country, Ayatollah Khomeini.

The ayatollah has recently seen fit to emphasize the president's collapsing position by demanding that he appear on television to offer recantation and apologies for his "divisive" acts. The main charge is that President Bani-Sadr has been in contact with what the ayatollah calls the "hypocrites", by which he means the militant (and armed) Mujahidi Khalq organization, which opposes the rule of clergy.

Despite his defeat, the president answered Khomeini in a way which stopped a long way short of a recantation. He assured Khomeini of his lasting loyalty, yet denied that he has done anything illegal. The president, therefore, remains under attack, and has in fact gone into hiding, fearing for his life from the followers of the fundamentalists.

One of the strangest aspects of the struggle is that Iran's "official" Communist Party, Tudeh, sides with the fundamentalist clergy against the president and the other opposers to their rule. Some see in this a premeditated plan, through which the moderate forces of the country, represented by the president, are first routed, so that the extremist fundamentalists can play their hand fully.

When they do so, according to the said plan, it would be Tudeh's turn to declare its hand.

Saudi Arabian Press Review

The Kingdom's newspapers Tuesday gave exclusive lead coverage to King Khalid's official and popular welcome in Madrid, where he arrived Monday for a three-day state visit at the invitation of King Juan Carlos of Spain. The newspapers quoted the Spanish prime minister and foreign minister as saying that the Saudi Arabian monarch's visit to Spain is "a very significant event" and we hope it will result in the development of bilateral cooperation. Meanwhile, *Al Nadwa* reported in a lead story that France has reaffirmed its commitment to help Iraq build another nuclear reactor.

Newspapers gave front-page coverage to the arrival of the Vice-President of Ghana, who was Monday entertained at a dinner party by the King's Deputy, Crown Prince Fahd, at the royal palace in Jeddah. The royal audience to U.S. emissary Philip Habib was also covered as a page one story in the newspapers. Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal's interview in Washington with the ABC television network was another front-page story, in which he was reported to have stressed that Israel is against peace in the region and the U.S. policy toward Israel has worsened the situation.

Al Medina played as a prominent page story a report quoted by the Israeli newspaper *Maariv* Monday, that American officials paid secret visits to Israel last year to acquaint the Israelis with Iraq's progress in the production of atom bombs. The last such visit, the Israeli paper said, had taken place in autumn last year.

On the King's current visit to Spain, *Al Jazirah*

noted in an editorial that Arab-Spanish relations have been marked by their cultural heritage which is still very much distinct in a number of Spanish provinces. It said that, as a European state, Spain is almost the only country in the European bloc which has strongly refused to recognize Israel or to establish any kind of relations with the Zionist state. The paper added that, despite all attempts by the Zionists, Spain never renounced its stance on Palestine and has persistently called for Israel's withdrawal from occupied Arab lands and the recognition of the legitimate rights of the people of Palestine, including their right to set up an independent state of their own. It said that King Khalid's current visit to Spain is in recognition of Spain's friendly attitude toward the Arab and Palestinian issues. As a bridge linking Arab, European and American interests Spain can significantly help in the development of good relations, said the paper, and hoped that Saudi-Spanish relations will be further cemented following the King's visit to Madrid.

Al Riyadh said editorially that the interest of the government and people of Spain in King Khalid's visit provides an outstanding testimony to the depth of bilateral relations which continue to grow despite all attempts by enemies to spoil these ties. The paper reaffirmed that Spain continues to remain the foremost European friend voicing a sincere support for the Arab causes, but mentioned that it has been partially distant from the Arab world especially, in regard to economic and commercial cooperation. *Al Nadwa* also praised Spain's friendly attitude

toward the Palestine issue and expressed that King Khalid's visit to that country will give further strength bilateral relations in many fields. The paper lauded the warm welcome according to the King on his arrival in Madrid Monday, and said that it reflected the strong understanding and cooperation between the two countries. It appreciated Spain's "distinguished stance" on Palestine and the Middle East and said with a measure of great satisfaction that it is the only European state not maintaining diplomatic relations with Israel despite pressures from different quarters.

Okaz noted that the meeting between the two kings will help to expand the horizons of bilateral cooperation and to open the Saudi Arabian market for Spanish goods, as well as further the participation of Spanish companies in the implementation of Saudi Arabia's development projects. The paper added that the royal visit will help strengthen understanding on peace in the Middle East.

On the other hand, *Al Medina* observed that, amidst international condemnation and resentment of Israeli intransigent and aggressive activities, the U.S. silence seems to prove as if it is trying to find an exit for Israel from its involvement in the "gravest act of piracy ever recorded by contemporary human history." The paper said that the U.S. will be considered a party if it does not take urgent steps to rectify all its stances which have been encouraging Israel to indulge in acts of piracy and aggression in complete violation of international norms and principles.



Sandinista leaders on a knife edge

By Hugh O'Shaughnessy

MANAGUA — "I'm not sure whether I'll ever be any good at this." The petite five-foot tall secretary at the ministry of social welfare was having difficulty with her bayonet practice but struggled on. Like tens of thousands of other Nicaraguans she had volunteered this year for part-time service in the people's militia, an hour or two at mid-week and half-a-day a month at the weekends.

Every afternoon squads of awkward recruits march uncertainly across the new parade ground in the earthquake-and-war-devastated center of this city as the Sandinista government moves toward its second year in office among a welter of invasion rumors.

The guerrillas who toppled the Somoza family dynasty in July 1979 are feeling extremely nervous as reports come in daily of the activities of Somoza supporters training for war at not-so-secret camps in the Everglades of Florida, apparently with little objection from President Reagan's government.

On Nicaragua's northern border, where war looked to be about to break out in April between Nicaraguan troops and ex-members of Somoza's National Guard, tension still runs high. The newspapers which support the government warn daily of the activities of the *Contras* or counter-revolutionaries. Last month Commandant Bayardo Arce, one of the senior Sandinista guerrilla leaders who now run the country, said: "Any invader will be met by 800,000 soldiers — I mean every able-bodied Nicaraguan."

In one sense the Sandinistas have a right to be nervous. Talk among Reagan's senior Latin American policy advisers in Washington is indeed of an attempt to destabilize Nicaragua politically and economically, provoke civil strife and then weigh in on the side of the government's opponents. Many in the U.S. capital see Nicaragua already as the irredeemable puppet of Cuba.

One senior State Department planner confessed to me recently: "Uncle Sam could certainly do a great deal more to shut down the Somoza training

camp in Florida if he really wanted to. All these stories of the legal difficulties of doing it are baloney."

Behind the mutual hostility and recrimination that daily pass between Managua and Washington many officials and politicians are hard at work trying to fend off an outright rupture between the two countries. Many Washington officials are aghast at the hostile arrogance of what they call "Reagan's Crazy's" while here the Sandinista government is trying hard to mend its fences with its neighbors and strengthen the already strong support it has been receiving from Western European Socialists.

Francois Mitterrand's victory in the French elections was greeted here with joy.

The Sandinistas see themselves as a unique amalgam of the revolutionary and the Catholic traditions of Latin America and are proud of the title of "humane revolution" and of the fact that not even Somoza's worst torturers and assassins have been executed since Sandinismo came to power. Elections have been promised for 1985 and a free press

lambasts the guerrillas every morning. *La Prensa*, the most widely read of the Managua dailies, needed the Sandinistas mightily a few weeks ago by printing George Orwell's *Animal Farm* complete as a supplement to its Sunday edition.

Despite irregular supplies of flour and sugar which irritate the world's most sweet-toothed nation, the supermarkets are bulging with vast quantities of food and household knickknacks. The local tobacco company, owned by British American Tobacco, is investing new money, taking on staff and pushing up production. The contrasts with the politics and daily life of Havana could scarcely be greater.

But the Sandinista leaders know they are on a knife edge. Will the U.S. invade or get someone else to invade? Should they take heed of bitter things the Russians and Cubans are saying about Mitterrand and their other European supporters? Can they really trust Paris and Bonn to restrain Reagan's Crazy's? Will the tiny secretary really one day have to use her bayonet?

Poor countries getting poorer

By Alastair Matheson

ADDIS ABABA — Many of the world's 30 poorest countries are becoming poorer, with little hope of rescuing their 267 million people from dire need. The United Nations classifies the 30 as Least Developed Countries or LDCs, and they are sometimes referred to as the Fourth World. Twenty are in Africa, six in Asia and two in the Middle East. The others are Haiti in the Caribbean and Samoa in the Pacific.

A U.N. conference to consider their plight will take place next September in Paris. Meanwhile, a series of regional meetings is being held around the world to work out the needs of the LDCs, enabling the Paris conference to set an aid target which richer nations will be asked to fund.

The problems of the poorest African countries

are being discussed in Addis Ababa, capital of Ethiopia, itself one of the world's poorest nations. Information presented to this meeting has revealed that of the 30 LDCs, at least 10 are suffering negative growth. All 10 are in Africa.

In terms of gross national product per head, Laos is rated as the world's poorest country, with an average income of \$83 a year. The other LDCs have per capita incomes of less than \$500 a year, except for Botswana (\$632) and Samoa (\$520). U.N. officials here explain that the cost of fuel, food and imported goods needed for development projects has been rising steeply while exports from the Fourth World are either fetching the same prices as a decade ago or are falling in value.

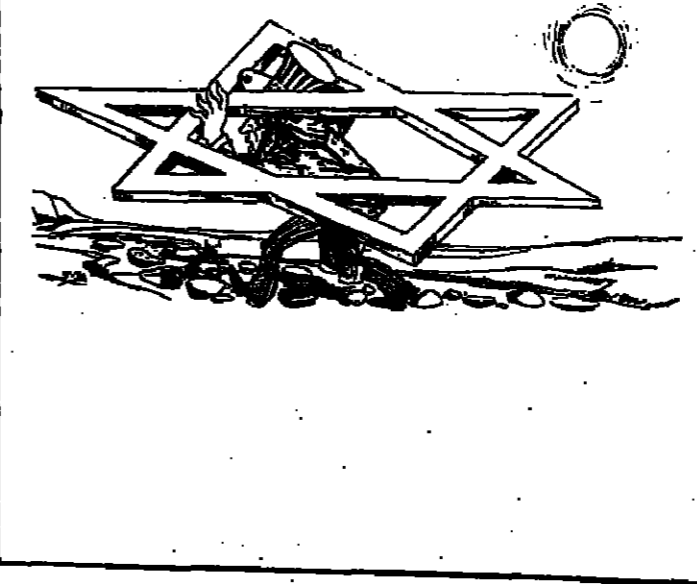
The gap between the LDCs and those developing countries which are not oil producers was calculated at two times in the late 1960s. Now it is even wider, and projections for 1990 indicate an five times gap. Long-term pledges for LDCs have already been made by some Western donor states in response to an appeal at the last UNCTAD conference in Manila in 1979.

These pledges of concessional assistance to be spread over the present decade still fall far short of what may be required, but show the Scandinavian countries at the top of the generosity list, followed by Holland — all giving above 2 percent of their respective GNP's. Belgium, Canada, Britain, West Germany, France and Switzerland are also all above the average pledge, which is only 0.057 percent of GNP, while Japan and the United States are well below, at a mere 0.031 percent and 0.03 percent respectively.

No contributions have been pledged by any countries of the Soviet bloc. U.N. sources here say the Communist world's justification from abstaining from this international rescue is that LDCs are all "victims of colonialist exploitation" for which they disclaim any responsibility. (The poorest of the LDCs, Laos, is suffering chiefly from a war-ravaged countryside where 40 percent of the arable land has been destroyed.)

Like Laos, most of the other "poorest of the poor" are land-locked, with economies dependent on agriculture. Laos, Bhutan and Niger have only 1 percent of children of secondary school age attending school. Burundi and Tanzania have fewer than two doctors per 100,000 population.

Six more states are seeking admission to the group of Least Developed Countries. They are Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Sao Tome, the Seychelles and Tonga. All plead that their economies are in such a grave state that they merit special assistance.



No comment.

Al Jazirah

More than relics

Dinosaurs extinction a mystery

By Elisabeth Chang

PEKING (AFP) — Mr. Zhao has a rather rare interest, shared by only a few other people — he studies dinosaurs. He was able to go on studying them even during the cultural revolution, when he was in south-west China and Red Guards in Peking were denouncing his beloved dinosaurs as "relics" to be destroyed.

As an 18-year-old geology student in 1954 Zhao became interested in dinosaurs, which disappeared from the face of the Earth 100 million years ago. The disappearance of these strangely-shaped and massive animals has never yet been convincingly explained, although there are many theories.

Fortunately for researchers like Zhao, many fossilized specimens of dinosaurs have been discovered so that they can be carefully studied. Today he is head research scientist at the Chinese Institute of Palaeontology of Vertebrates, and he can study fragments of the animal in his little atelier in the north-west of the capital.

"China is a veritable treasure house of dinosaurs," Zhao said, explaining that ever since the discovery of the first fossil in Heilongjiang Province, north-west China, in



FOSSIL EVIDENCE: Dr. Nicolas Hotton of the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History believes dinosaurs made annual seasonal migrations. Here he displays a cast mammoth thigh bone which he says proves they were capable of walking long distances.

1902 several hundred more, including 50 in very good condition, have been found in other parts of the country. None have been found in Tibet or in northern Heilongjiang Province. But everywhere else Chinese scien-

tists have found remains of dinosaurs which range in size from a few centimeters in length to tens of meters.

The largest Chinese dinosaur fossil was found in 1956 in Mameixi, Sichuan Province (south-west China). It was 22 meters long and 3.5 meters tall and had a giraffe-like neck. It weighed about 50 tons and lived about 130 million years ago. Its skeleton was dismantled during the cultural revolution and packed in various crates which were then hidden in different parts of the capital.

"A cast of this dinosaur, and several fossils, were sent to Tianjin but were destroyed. Fortunately the skeleton is intact," Zhao said.

He spent several years in Yunnan (south-west China) on dinosaur research at the beginning of the cultural revolution, and later was able to return safely to Peking. He has a full agenda over the next few months.

Zhao will attend an exhibition of Chinese dinosaurs in Japan next month, and is hoping afterwards to visit Australia. The beginning of next year he hopes to go to Xin Jiang (north-west China).

Here he will try to confirm one of his theories that the dinosaur did not disappear from the world 100 million years ago, as believed by most scholars, but 60 million



CAREFUL EXCAVATION: Several skeletons of prehistoric animals are carefully uncovered to insure they will not be destroyed. These diggings provide invaluable scientific information.

tively explained, when lizards snakes and crocodiles of the same period managed to survive until today.

One school of thought believes the dinosaur became too large to remain mobile enough to obtain sufficient food. Other theories include a gigantic solar explosion

which caused violent earthquakes in which dinosaurs were wiped out, or that other animals preferred to eat dinosaur eggs more than any others. Zhao believes the dinosaur was wiped out because he was unable to acclimatise itself quickly enough to the world's changing weather patterns.

He made first flight to Dhahran

Last of the 'flying boat' pilots retires

By Cynthia Shanley

HOUSTON, — Capt. J.W. "Jack" Priddy, who made the first commercial flight into Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, has retired from Pan American World Airways at the age of 60. He becomes the first pilot in U.S. commercial aviation to achieve 40 years of continuous service.

His professional career, which began at the age of 19, contains many firsts. Priddy was the youngest pilot ever hired by Pan Am. Too young, in fact, to command commercial passenger flights. From the date he was hired, in 1941, through 1944, he trained military navigators and flew several logistical support missions in famous Clipper flying boats. He recalls there were charts for some missions and he referred to *National Geographic* maps. On some flights he constructed his own mercator charts.

At the age of 23, Priddy qualified to fly scheduled passengers on Sikorsky S-42 flying boats to South America and, as he enters

retirement, is among the last of the flying boat skippers.



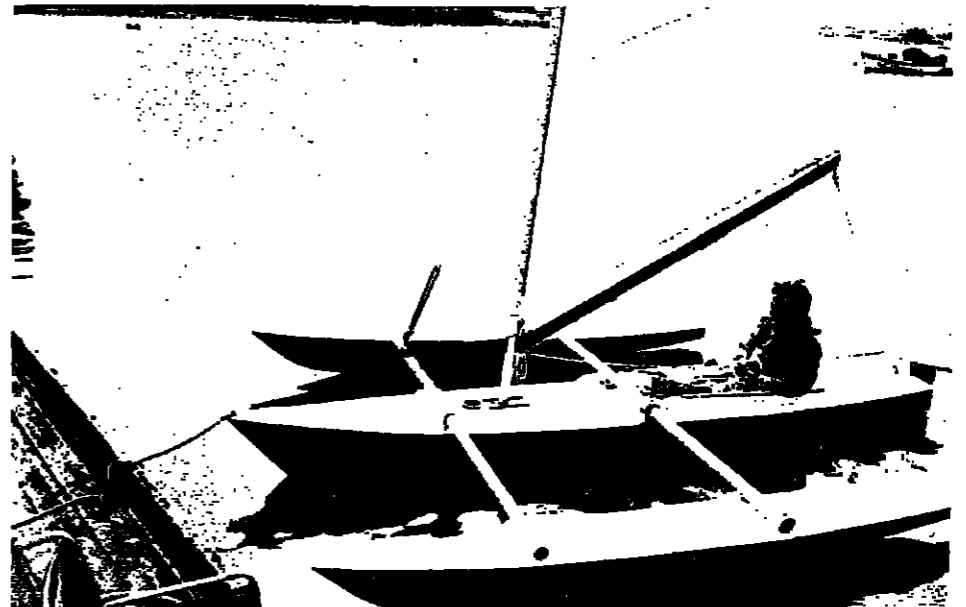
SERVICE MILESTONE: With 40 years of continuous service as an airline pilot — a U.S. industry first — Capt. J.W. "Jack" Priddy recently retired from Pan American World Airways. His last trip in the left seat of this Pan Am 747 capped off more than 31,000 career flight hours.

He made the first flight into Dhahran, Saudi Arabia in 1946 and a year later made

the proving flight in the New York-Karachi sector of Pan Am's round-the-world service. Priddy flew numerous operations in Africa for Pan Am up until the 1950s. He then transferred to London where he operated proving flights to Scandinavian countries and served as technical adviser in the Jimmy Stewart movie "No Highway" and flew the Berlin Airlift.

In the mid 1950s he was assigned to New York from where he flew survey flights to Europe and the Middle East. On Dec. 8, 1957, while piloting a Douglas DC-7, he set an unofficial speed record of 10 hours two minutes for commercial flying between New York and Frankfurt. Two years later he was among the first group of pilots to introduce the jet age to commercial travel by flying the Boeing 707.

Captain Priddy accomplished another first in 1969 when he was among the first group of line pilots to introduce Boeing 747 service, beginning the widebody jet era.



BRITISH TRIMARAN: This sailboat, called the *Challenger*, was especially designed to be sailed by the disabled. This boat is 15 feet in length, it features many improvements which make it easy for a disabled person to get aboard the boat and operate it efficiently. (LPS)

On another adventure, sailing granny a hero

MARINA DEL REY, California, June 16 (AP) — Alone with her flute, the sea and a sunset, Ann Gash, a grandmother of seven, is returning to Australia in her 26-foot wooden-hulled sailboat.

Ms. Gash, 58, arrived in Los Angeles a month ago after crossing the Pacific from Australia by way of Tahiti, Hawaii and San Francisco, she left last week and expects to arrive in Honolulu in three to five weeks, stop at several Pacific islands and reach Sydney in October or November.

The 5-foot-5 mother of six is a folk hero to others who like to sail alone, she believes she has spent more time sailing the oceans of the world than any other woman.

She spent 2½ years sailing around the world alone (except for a stretch from Ghana to England) from June 1975 June to December 1977. She sailed to the United States this time "mainly to sail under the Golden Gate. I wanted that so much. It was fantastic."

"I love the seas, love it out there alone," she said. "No telephone ringing. No one knocking at my door. The challenge. The adventure."

"I worked all my life," Ms. Gash said. "My husband and I are divorced. My children are all grown up and on their own. I don't know what I'll do next."

The sailboat, *The Stella Ilmo*, is well stocked with a three-month supply of food, 35 gallons of water, a flute, and 60 books.

"I'm never lonely," she said. "I'm in tune with everything — the compass course, the wear and tear on the boat."

"I read on average of a book a day. I love to navigate. Every day I write letters and spend time playing my flute," she said. "Worry? I don't know the meaning of the word."

Ms. Gash said sailing alone is her way of staying young. "I don't want to grow old," she said.

She credits a broken back for her interest in sailing.

"I was a goat breeder for 15 years. Then I smashed my car and broke my back and had to give up the goats. And I took up boats," she said.

Soon she was spending all her free time sailing and reading everything she could get her hands on about sailing, she bought *The Stella Ilmo* in February, 1974 and set out alone on an around-the-world voyage 16 months later.

In Ghana, her boat was wrecked by a tugboat as she was tied up at a pier. She placed the boat on a ship, had the craft repaired in England and then continued around the world by way of the Canary Islands, Trinidad, the Panama Canal, the Marquesas, Tahiti, Rarotonga, Tonga and Australia.

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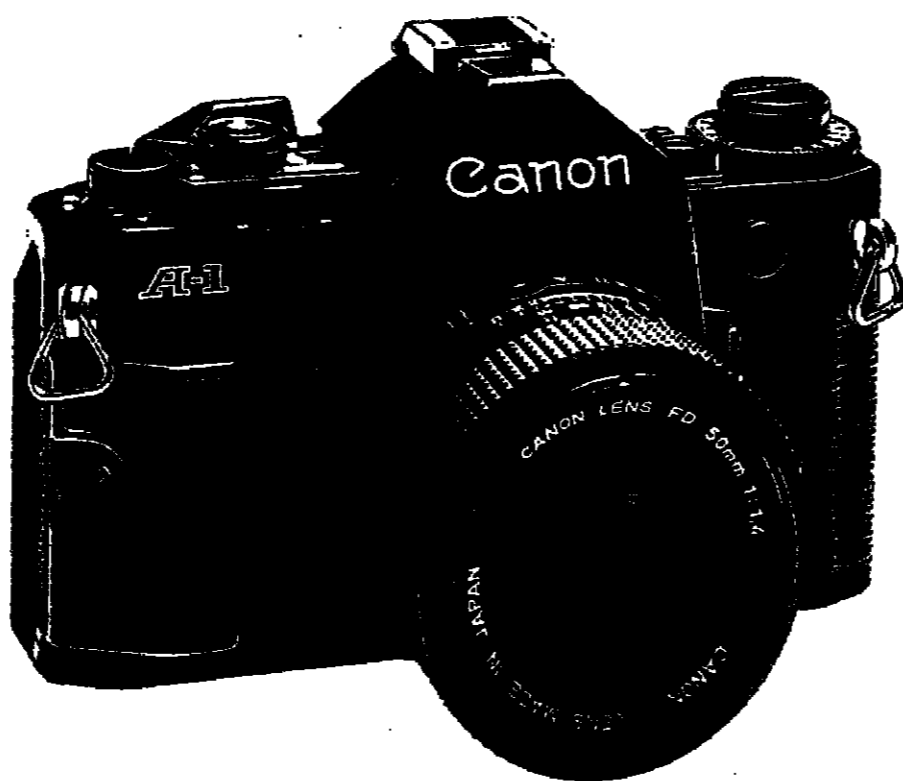
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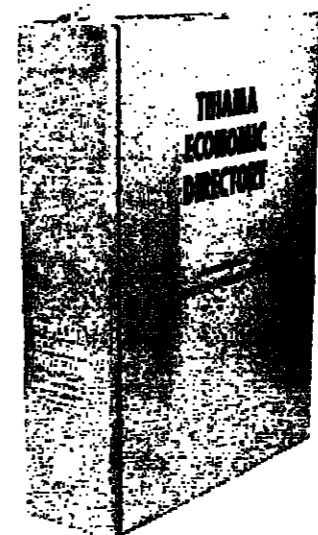


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Defense buildup

Japan turns down U.S. demand

TOKYO, June 16 (AP) — Japan's top defense official said Tuesday that Japan would "not be able to comply" with U.S. requests for a sizable expansion in the nation's defense buildup program made at security talks in Honolulu last week.

Joji Omura, secretary-general of the Defense Agency, said he would stress in talks in Washington with U.S. Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger later this month that "Japan cannot go beyond the levels set in its defense guideline" for equipment purchases in the 1983-87 period.

Responding to reports that the United States was displeased with Japan's budget projections for fiscal year 1982, which set 7.5 percent as a ceiling for defense spending increases, Omura said: "If we are talking about what is desired (by the Americans), there will be no end."

In front-page stories Tuesday, major dailies characterized as "far removed from reality" reported U.S. proposals that Japan significantly bolster sea and air defense strength to cope with a Soviet threat in the Far East.

newspapers, quoting government sources, said U.S. defense experts asked Japan to deploy up to 125 P-3C anti-submarine patrol planes rather than 45 as Japan has planned, 70 surface ships and 20 submarines, up from a planned fleet of 60 ships and 16 subs, and up to 180 F-15 Eagle fighter planes, 80 more than the 100 whose purchase has been approved in the government's buildup program.

The U.S. side also asked Japan to increase its ammunition stocks and boost its financial share in supporting U.S. bases in Japan, the newspapers said.

The reported U.S. demands would add \$13.6 billion in defense spending and make it impossible for Japan to abide by its policy of keeping the defense budget under one percent of gross national product, *Asahi* said. Neither U.S. nor Japanese defense officials would confirm the reported figures, although Omura said it was "not unexpected" for military experts to seek significant defense spending boosts.

A U.S. Embassy spokesman said the June 10-12 talks in Honolulu were "working level and not policy making." He said the United

States is looking to the upcoming Omura-Weinberger talks as "a more definitive discussion" of Japan's defense role in the Far East.

The media here has portrayed the Honolulu talks as another American foray against Japan's anti-military traditions. U.S.-Japan ties have been strained recently by claims that nuclear-armed U.S. warships pass through Japanese waters, in violation of Japan's non-nuclear policies, and by other incidents.

The *Yomiuri Shimbun* said the government, caught between promises to Washington to make "steady defense efforts" and constitutional and political restrictions on defense spending, "has been driven into one of its tightest spots ever."

In an editorial the paper speculated that the United States "took a hard-line position on defense to spur on the slow-moving Japanese, expecting a certain degree of foot dragging."

"If such is not the case, it is unlikely that the United States would completely disregard such elements as Japan's political and economic contributions toward world peace, public opinion, and financial situation and make demands that would shake the very foundations of the Japanese government," the paper added.

Pretoria urged to make amends

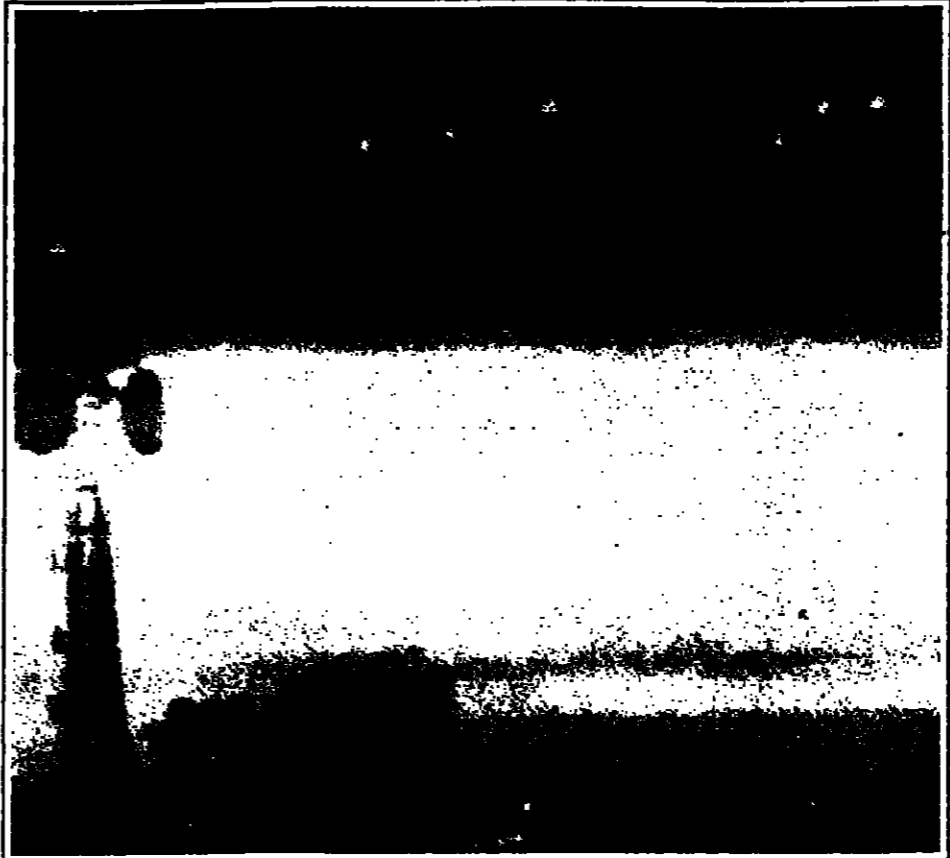
SOWETO, South Africa, June 16 (R) — The fifth anniversary of the Soweto riots passed peacefully Tuesday, but a black leader warned that there would be more bloodshed unless South Africa introduced racial reforms quickly.

Black workers in the country's major urban areas ignored calls by activist groups to stay away from work, and police reported only isolated stone-throwing incidents in Soweto. Security police and riot troops manned road blocks around the city near Johannesburg where riots began in the summer of 1976 and spread throughout the country, leaving more than 600 persons dead.

But there was no confrontation Tuesday with youthful crowds as in previous anniversaries, and by midday most of the road blocks had been dismantled. Schools in Soweto were closed under an arrangement with the education authorities to avoid possible trouble, and many shops in the black townships were also shut.

English language newspapers carried editorials urging that the day pass peacefully, and calling on the government to learn the lessons of 1976 and introduce racial reforms quickly.

Writing in the leading black newspaper, *Sowetan*, outspoken black Bishop Desmond Tutu warned that "unless the government acts fast, then we will have an outbreak of violence and bloodshed which will make June 1976 look like a Sunday school picnic," he wrote. Church groups are marking the anniversary with a week of national mourning.



BRIGHT DOTS IN THE SKY: People in Taipei were amazed recently when they saw these bright dots floating in the sky for about an hour. There was no explanation of the phenomena from the Taipei observatory, which said they could be defined as unidentified flying objects.

Romulo sees solution to Cambodian problem

MANILA, June 16 (AP) — Philippine Foreign Minister Carlos P. Romulo has said the Cambodian problem was now "nearer" a solution as the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) worked on a Thai formula for withdrawal of Vietnamese forces from Cambodia and the disarming of guerrillas resisting them.

Romulo declined, however, to give details of the step-by-step proposal, saying senior officials at the level of deputy foreign minister were still polishing it for inclusion on the agenda of the ASEAN foreign ministers' two-day annual meeting opening here Wednesday.

The proposal is also expected to be brought up in separate meetings the ASEAN ministers will be having Friday and Saturday with U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig and their counterparts from Australia, Canada, the European Economic Community, Japan and New Zealand.

A source who attended Monday's meeting of ASEAN's standing committee chaired by Romulo said the Thai proposal calls for the deployment in Cambodia (Kampuchea) of a United Nations peace-keeping force to be followed by a pullout of about 200,000 Vietnamese troops, disarming of remnants of the ousted Pol Pot regime and other Cambodian guerrillas, and the holding of free national elections.

The source said the proposal will formally be put forward by ASEAN at next month's international meeting on Cambodia in New York, which the Vietnamese, their Indochina and Soviet-bloc allies have denounced and said they will boycott.

"I believe we have brought the Kampuchean problem nearer to a definite stage of resolution," Romulo told the standing committee composed of the ambassadors to the Philippines of the four other ASEAN states—Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, and Thailand. The meeting was separate from that of the senior officials, which began Sunday and was to firm up the ministers' agenda.

Instead of the New York conference, which they have denounced as interference in Cambodia's internal affairs, the Indochinese states have proposed a regional conference on Cambodia between them and ASEAN. This proposal has been rejected by ASEAN, saying Cambodia was an international issue and not a regional one.

Diplomatic sources say ASEAN is likely to sound out its allies on what strategy to adopt next if the New York conference fails — as many observers believe it will — unless the Vietnamese participate — to produce any results for the solution of the Cambodian question. Among the options open to ASEAN, one source said, is adoption of economic sanctions against Indochina.

Indira party sweeps poll

NEW DELHI, June 16 (AP) — Rajiv Gandhi, son of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and a powerful new figure in Indian politics, returned triumphantly to the capital Tuesday after winning his own seat in parliament by a record margin.

Gandhi, 36, led his mother's ruling Congress Party to victory in weekend by-election results so far announced. The Congress Party captured five parliamentary seats, a gain of one over opposition parties.

Gandhi, who had campaigned day and night for a full month across the sun-scorched north Indian plain, was greeted at Delhi airport by his Italian-born wife, Sonia, and two children and a throng of youthful party workers chanting, "Long live Indira Gandhi, Long live Rajiv Gandhi."

The style was reminiscent of noisy rallies for his late brother, Sanjay, whose vacant parliamentary seat he won. But Rajiv, who has promised a new style of more serious politics, commanded the chanters, "Stop this circus."

In state assembly by-elections, Mrs. Gandhi's party won all 12 seats announced in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Karnataka states. It also gained one assembly seat in Communist-ruled West Bengal state, trailing the Marxist Communist Party two seats to four.

Rajiv Gandhi captured the seat in parliament held by his younger brother Sanjay, killed in a stunt plane crash one year ago, and rolled up 100,000 more votes than Sanjay. He amassed 258,884 votes, 84 percent of the 307,523 cast while the nearest of his 138 foes

polled only 21,188. Amid mounting pressure to enter politics, Gandhi retired last month as a commercial airline pilot to campaign non-stop in the hot, dusty Amethi district, 500 kms southeast of New Delhi.

Even before Gandhi's election, public works crews appeared at Amethi to speed up lagging canal, road improvement and electrification projects, news reports said. Rajiv covered more than 10,000 kms by jeep and 200 kms on foot during his month-long campaign, the newsmagazine *India Today* reported.

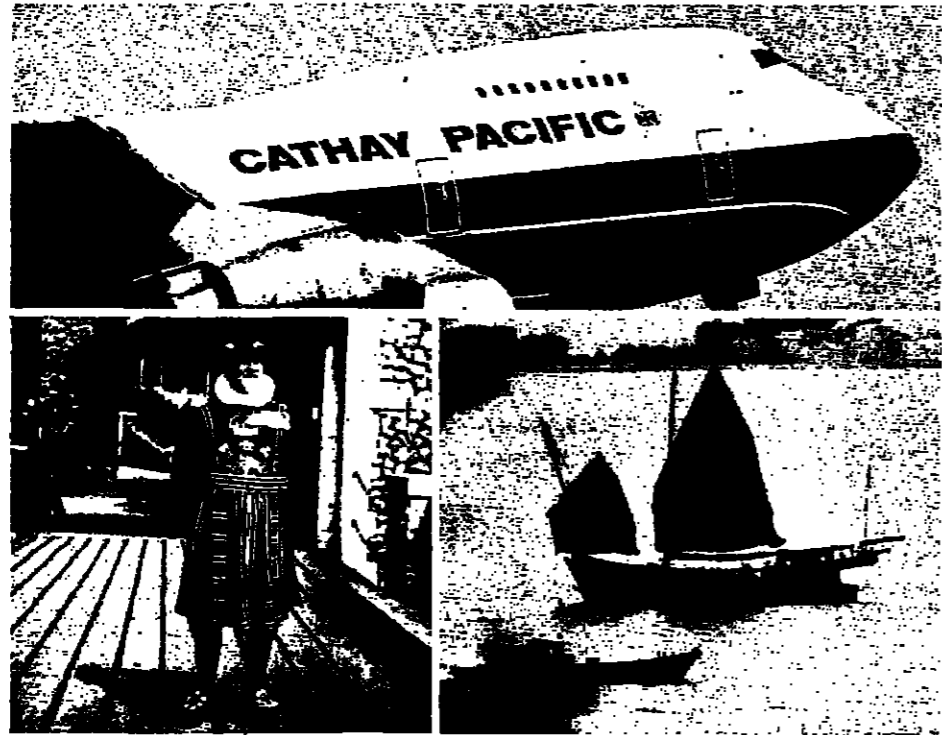
Thapa reappointed Nepal prime minister

KATMANDU, June 16 (AP) — King Birendra Tuesday reappointed Prime Minister Surya Bahadur Thapa, 53, to a five-year term on the recommendation of the Nepalese National Assembly. The king also formed a new 28-member council of ministers to be headed by Thapa, who was unanimously elected to the office of Prime Minister Sunday. Thapa also holds the foreign affairs portfolio. The council consists of 10 cabinet ministers, six ministers of state and 12 assistant ministers.

Eight of the ministers in the former government have retained their seats in the new council. Yadav Pant, a noted economist and former minister of state for finance, has been promoted to the rank of a cabinet minister. Thapa, who was elected to office 23 months ago, will begin his third term as prime minister. He headed the government in 1966-69.

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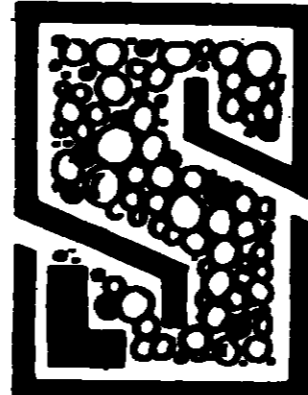
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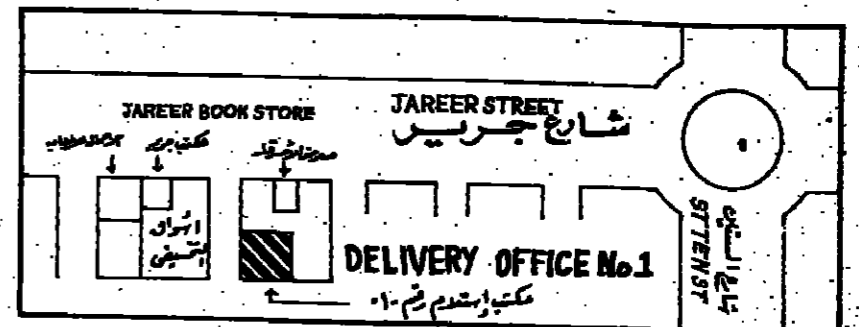
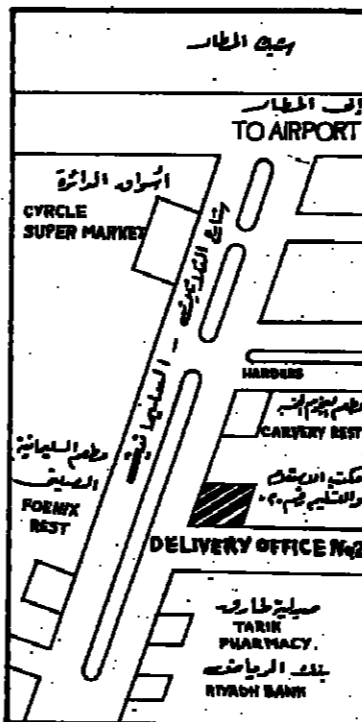
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Belgium to put off NATO pledge

BRUSSELS, June 16 (R) — Belgian Prime Minister Frank Sraelen has said his country would have to postpone fulfilling its NATO commitments because of restrictions. But in Moscow, Belgium's foreign minister, Charles-Ferdinand Bombardier, said his government would meet its responsibilities to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Sraelen told reporters in Brussels Monday one of the delays involved equipment modernization for a brigade committed to NATO's allied mobile forces (AMF). Belgium provides one command brigade to the AMF, planned for rapid deployment on NATO's flanks in a crisis.

Sraelen confirmed that Belgium will participate as a full member in the financing of NATO's fleet of flying radar stations.

Belgium agreed in principle with the 1978 decision to buy 18 advanced warning control system (AWACS) planes but had been delaying a final decision on signing the contract. Foreign Minister Nothomb made a statement Monday during a banquet given in honor by Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

While visiting Belgium, Sraelen said his government should seek East-West equilibrium but did not hope to do so by independent means. "The unilateral abandonment of the NATO pact in the name of an illusory pacifism would only be destroying the balances on which peace rests," Nothomb said.

Belgium is faithful to its alliance and does not assume all its responsibilities in that alliance. This phrase apparently led to a 1979 NATO resolution to delay a new U.S. medium-range nuclear missile in Western Europe in 1983 if Moscow and Washington failed to agree on limiting weapons.

Several West European NATO countries, including West Germany and Britain, have agreed to installation of the missiles on their territory but Belgium has postponed a decision until December. The NATO resolution called for a movement in many West European countries calling for unilateral abandonment of nuclear arms.

Meanwhile, Lawrence Eagleburger, assistant secretary of state for European affairs, said NATO allies in London are withdrawing their pledge to face military challenges "would create a sense of betrayal among the American peo-

Government warns press Spain policewoman slain

SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain, June 16 (R) — A woman police inspector was killed near here Tuesday in a gun battle between police and suspected members of the Basque separatist organization ETA, police sources said. They said inspector Maria Jose Garcia Sanchez, 23, was shot in the head as police tried to force their way into a suspected guerrilla hideout in Zarauz.

She was the first policewoman to die on active service in Spain. Miss Garcia Sanchez had won some 20 public citations for her police work since joining the force less than two years ago. She was the 30th victim of political violence in Spain this year.

Two-thirds of the killings have occurred in the Basque country, which ETA wants to turn into an independent Marxist state. Police sources said three persons had been detained after the shooting. One was reported wounded, apparently by the one of two grenades which the ETA suspects threw at the police.

Meanwhile, the Spanish government responded to a new police scandal Tuesday by accusing the press of an "insidious campaign" against the paramilitary civil guard and hinting at legal action against newspapers.

The government response appeared to be the toughest since parliament passed an "anti-terrorist law" allowing it to close communications media following the civil guard storming of parliament in the country's abortive military coup three and a half months ago.

A note from the directorate of state security in the Interior Ministry said a full investigation was under way to discover "those behind these campaigns" against the civil guard. It said the government reserved the right to apply legal action.

The hint at possible action against the media was accompanied by an announcement that civil guard Emilio Duran had been expelled from the paramilitary police force after shooting and killing an unarmed man in a weekend discotheque fracas outside Madrid. The security office said Duran had been given maximum discipline but made no mention of prosecution.

The shooting incident came one month after three Spaniards mistaken for Basque terrorists were killed while in civil guard custody in southern Spain, and their bullet-riddled bodies were found in a charred rental car. Two of the men had arms and legs missing.

Interior Minister Juan Jose Roson acknowledged to parliament there had been a "tragic error" by the guard. A local prosecutor has asked that the civil guard lieutenant in charge of the squad and two guardsmen be prosecuted for homicide.

Kidnapped Italian freed

ROME, June 16 (AFP) — The kidnapped son of Italy's largest individual taxpayer was released Tuesday on a motorway near his family's home at Modigliana, in the northeast of the country, an informed source said.

The amount of ransom paid for the release of Vittorio Alpi, 25, who was kidnapped May 25, was not immediately known. His father, industrialist Valerio Alpi, last year declared an income of 863 million lira (some \$850,000) to the tax authorities.

Cannibalism alleged in Paris killing

PARIS, June 16 (AFP) — A 32-year-old Japanese from Kobe Tuesday confessed to the murder and dismemberment of a 25-year-old Dutch student and to eating parts of her flesh, police said. Issei Sagawa dismembered her body and hid the limbs and trunk in two suitcases which he left in the Bois de Boulogne wood outside Paris police said.

He also allegedly ate some of her flesh which he stored in his refrigerator. The victim was identified as Renee Artewell, a 25-year-old Dutch student staying here.

Both murderer and victim studied at the same university faculty and had known each other for several months, police said. They added that the murder was carried out at Sagawa's flat.

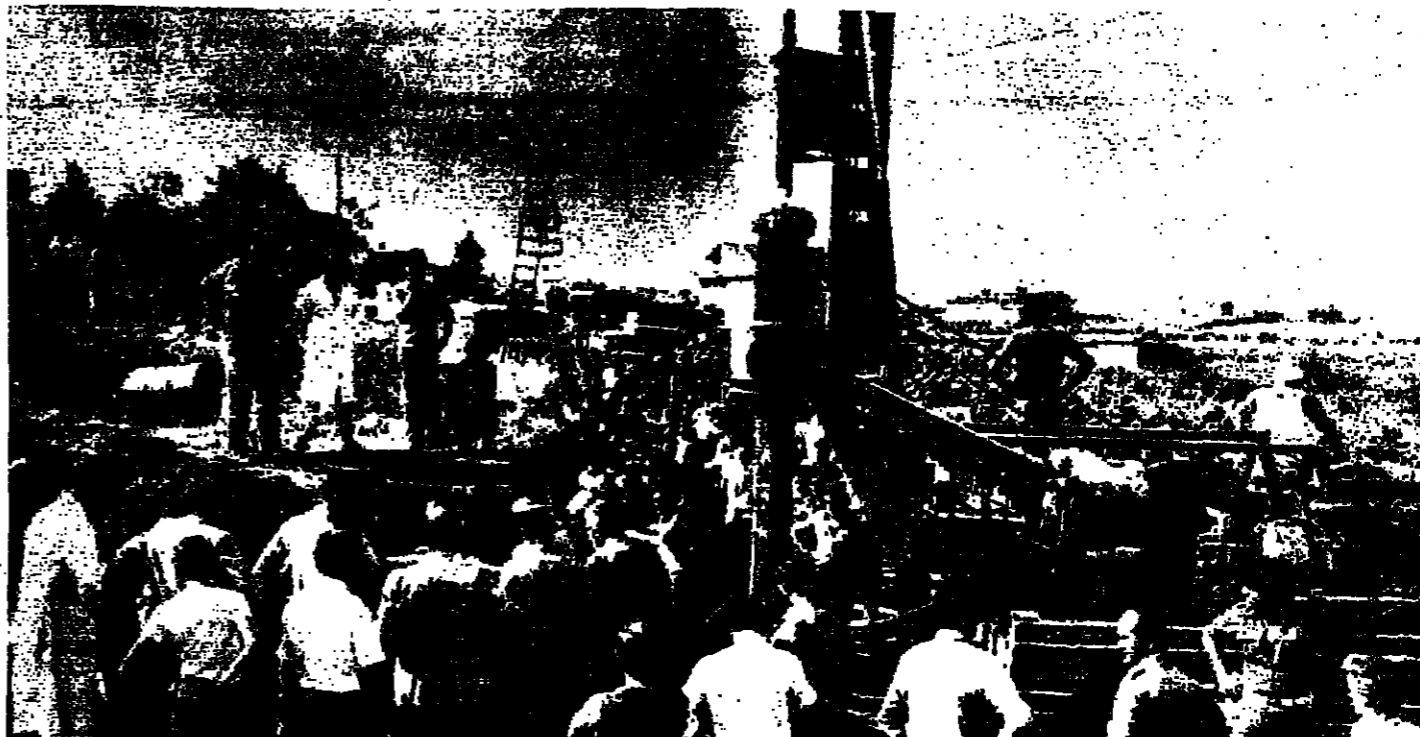
The sensational crime had many intriguing factors about it, for the victim had been mutilated before being shot in the head, in what some reports claimed was a "ritual" murder. Right from the beginning eyewitnesses came forward to say they had seen an

Asian pushing a luggage trolley with two suitcases on it in the Bois de Boulogne.

They had seen him get out of a taxi, and police immediately appealed to taxi drivers to find the one who had the Japanese as a fare. Police also said that they were looking for the shop where the two new suitcases had been bought. Initial attempts to identify the victim by her fingerprints were unsuccessful.

A couple walking in the Bois Saturday evening saw the suitcases half-hidden in a clump of trees, and opened one. They saw a severed human hand, and called the police. The limbs and head were in one suitcase, and trunk in the other.

Press reports Monday said the victim, aged between 18-25, seemed to have been tortured before being killed with a bullet in the head. The mass circulation *Le Parisien* said there were signs there had been a "ritual murder," with a possible attempt at crucifixion. It reported that the victim's chest, lips and nose had been cut.



RECOVERY ATTEMPT: The scene on the outskirts of Rome as firemen drill a parallel well to the artesian well in which six-year-old Alfredo Rompi fell. The boy died Saturday. Efforts continue to recover the boy's body.

Italian held for boy's death

ROME, June 16 (AP) — Police have announced the arrest of Amedeo Pisegna on charges of manslaughter in connection with the death of 6-year-old Alfredo Rompi in a deep, abandoned well near Krascati, south of Rome. Pisegna owns the land where the well is located.

Pisegna was picked up by police at his home Monday and taken to a Rome prison to be questioned by magistrates, police said. Prosecutors said earlier that both the builders of the well and the owner of the land where it is located could face charges of manslaughter and negligence for not erecting adequate barriers over the well or a warning sign.

Alfredo, who fell into the well Wednesday, was declared dead Sunday by authorities

after a television camera and microphone lowered into the well detected no signs of life. The boy's last cry, through a walkie-talkie lowered to him, was heard early Saturday.

Pisegna owns the land jointly with his wife, Piera, but police sources said the magistrates have no plans to bring charges against her.

Meanwhile, voices were raised in Italy accusing the authorities of having been totally incapable of organizing the rescue of Alfredo while there was still time to save him.

In a television interview Franca Rompi, mother of the boy, pointed to "a lack of rational organization" in the rescue attempt, and hoped that "the loss of Alfredo's life would lead to measures that would insure that such a tragedy were not repeated."

Healey to oppose Benn

LONDON, June 16 (R) — Denis Healey, leading moderate in Britain's Labor Party, formally announced Tuesday he would seek re-election as the party's deputy leader. He will stand against Tony Benn, the rebel left-winger whose challenge for the post has deepened the rift in the party between left and right.

Healey, a former chancellor of the exchequer (finance ministry), made no reference to Benn in his statement to party workers but he denounced what he called sectarian hatreds unleashed within the party. Benn, who is in hospital with a nervous infection, has demanded that the party stands by the policies adopted at its last annual conference which was a triumph for the left.

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U.K. cuts oil price by \$4.25

LONDON, June 16 (R) — Britain has cut the price of its North Sea oil by \$4.25 a barrel to \$35 in the sharpest reaction so far to the oil glut on world markets.

The reduction by the state's British National Oil Corporation (BNOC) will put heavy pressure on producers of similar high-quality oil such as Nigeria and Libya to make price cuts, oil industry sources said.

The sources said BNOC told oil companies that future price changes of North Sea crude would be linked to those of Saudi Arabia, which charges OPEC's lowest price. Until now the price of British oil has been linked to the African prices, which range up to \$41 and are the highest in the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

Major British oil companies, which have been losing money refining North Sea crude at a time when demand for petrol and other products is falling, had pressed for a \$5 cut. OPEC decided in Geneva last month to freeze prices and cut production to mop up the glut.

Monday's move by BNOC came as a surprise since it originally offered oil companies operating in the North Sea a \$2 reduction. British oil companies broadly welcomed the cut, but said it was a realization of the wide disparity of world oil prices rather than a great victory for the companies.

The oil glut, engineered by Saudi Arabia, which wants moderate oil prices, has pushed prices down on the free 'spot' market and forced Venezuela and Ecuador, both OPEC members, to cut what they charge for their exports. Prior to this Mexico, which is not a member of OPEC, cut \$4 off its crude price.

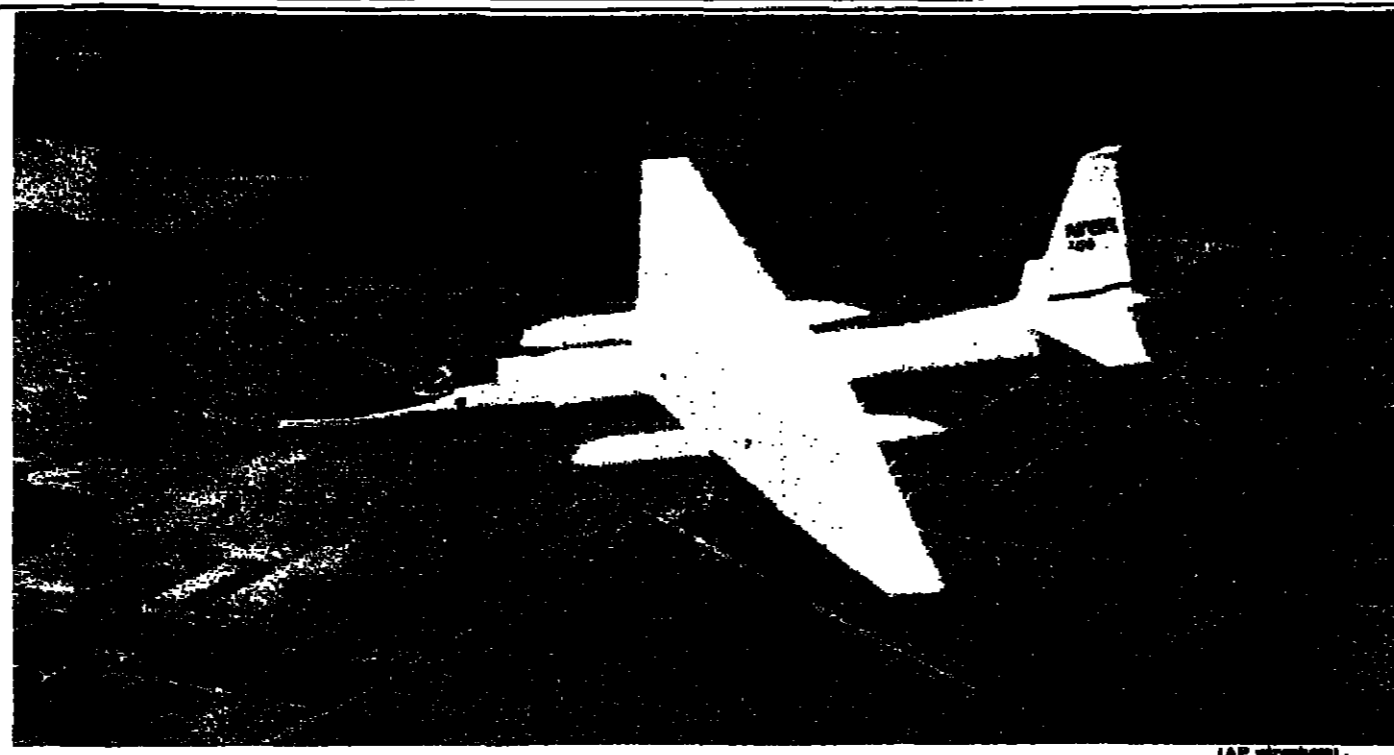
Buyers are known to be pressing Algeria, Nigeria and Libya to drop their prices in line with the downward trend on world markets and BNOC's decision is expected to support their argument.

World Bank lends Belgrade \$90m

BELGRADE, June 16 (AFP) — Yugoslavia Tuesday received a \$90 million loan from the World Bank, Tanjug news agency reported.

The loan would go toward agricultural and livestock raising program in the Kosovo province, now suffering heavy unemployment. Some 30,000 new jobs will be provided, it is hoped.

In Washington, the International Monetary Fund announced Monday that it will allow Sri Lanka to draw nearly \$30 million worth of foreign currency, in exchange for its own money, because drought hit three of its major export products — tea, rubber and coconuts. The money is repayable in three to five years at 6.25 percent interest.



CHECKING RESOURCES: The ER-2, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's latest version of the U-2, is shown during a recent flight above southern California. The aircraft will survey the earth's resources, augmenting research progress being carried on the two U-2s based at the NASA-Ames Research Center, California.

Defends policies

OPEC aide sees market 'normalized' by 1982

RIO DE JANEIRO, June 16 (AP) — The international oil market should be "normalized" by mid-1982 and oil prices could rise again, according to Rene Ortiz, the secretary-general of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

"The situation now isn't normal," Ortiz said Monday in an exclusive interview with the Associated Press. "On one side, OPEC's production is lower than it was before the Iran-Iraq war, on the other, many industrialized and developing countries are feeling the effects of a worldwide recession."

The OPEC secretary-general was in this southeast Brazilian city to take part in a seminar aimed at improving the cartel's image with Third World countries. "We want to prove that we're not responsible for the decline in world economic activity," he said. "High inflation is not due to rising oil prices."

Ortiz blamed what he called "the world crisis in the oil market" exclusively on "policies adopted by the industrialized countries." "The policy of maintaining high petroleum stocks in is a sacrifice deliberately imposed on the poor consumer," he said, adding that "OPEC's decisions are not arbitrary and have been made based on analyses of the world economy."

The Ecuadorian official said OPEC would seek closer ties with southern hemisphere nations, both as partners and as markets. "Our relations with the north have not yielded many results... and are getting more difficult all the time," he said.

Referring to the current oil price freeze decreed by OPEC, Ortiz said it would continue "until OPEC defines its pricing policy for the short, middle and long range — which

it's doing now — and until market conditions make a price increase feasible."

The cartel's long-term strategy will be discussed at a meeting of OPEC this week in Geneva, Switzerland, he said. But even if members decide on a new pricing policy, Ortiz said, oil prices won't go up before a meeting scheduled for December 10.

In Paris, meanwhile, energy ministers of the leading industrial nations Monday agreed that the world oil market situation remains "fragile" despite the apparent glut of crude oil and easing prices.

This point was strongly made in a communique issued after day-long meeting of ministers of the 21-nation International Energy Agency (IEA).

John Carrick, Australian energy minister, who chaired the meeting, told reporters that present over-supply, estimated at between two and three million barrels a day was a

"very temporary" affair. The situation now "at the very best, offers a breathing space," he said, adding that "no one can tell when the next crisis will be here." These points were hammered home by several ministers during this morning's debate on the market situation.

In their communique, the IEA ministers recognized that "continuing stability (on the market) depends upon avoidance of complacency and upon significant levels of supply from several major (oil) producing countries." This appeared as a reference to the current high output of Saudi Arabia and other Gulf countries.

Because of the "uncertainties and risks" involved in the present situation, the ministers stressed their determination to prevent possible new disruptions "from again resulting in sharp higher prices and severe economic damage."

Brazil, Australia moot sugar front

BRASILIA, June 16 (AP) — Brazil and Australia proposed Monday to form a united front with other sugar exporting nations to counter the European Economic Community's (EEC) "protectionism" against food products.

The proposal came during an official visit by Australian Foreign Trade Minister John Douglas Anthony to this nation.

At a luncheon here Monday, Foreign Ministry Secretary General Clemente Baena Soares of Brazil voiced his concern for "the distortions" caused by "the protectionist practices and subsidies" of the EEC agricultural policy. He suggested that Brazil and Australia, in conjunction with other nations,

complain formally to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

In his response Anthony complained of the EEC's "almost insurmountable barriers against food imports," and emphasized that the two nations should seek a united front with other food exporters.

Brazil and Australia are two of the world's largest sugar exporters, with Brazil leading all other nations during 1980.

In another development the EEC agriculture ministers decided in Luxembourg that importers of mushrooms from China, Taiwan and South Korea into the EEC will pay higher duty above a combined quota of 34,740 tons per annum.

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Ministry of Health	Renovation of playgrounds at the health institute in Riyadh	830	200	30/6/81
" "	Renovation of Al-Jouf hospital	818	750	30/6/81
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" "	Construction of a central vegetables market	—	5000	14/7/81

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4.	Saudi Pride	Ori	Rebar/Tiles/Gen.	10.6.81
5.	Chi Grand	Kanoo	Rice/Flour/Ploes/Gen.	10.6.81
6.	Kilo	A.A.	Bagged barley	11.6.81
7.	Golden Yenbo	El Hawl	Steel/Pipes/Ply/Timber	13.6.81
8.	Kota Mewah	O.C.E.	General	13.6.81
9 & 10.	Tricolor	Barber	Contra/Vehs/Plant/Gen.	15.6.81
11.	interactivity	Fayez	Bagged Barley	10.6.81
11 & 12.	Energetic	A.A.	Bagged Sugar	23.6.81
12.	Myria V	A.A.	Bagged Sugar	15.6.81
13.	Saudi Sun	O/Trade	Timber/General	9.5.81
14.	Zeus 1	rolaco	Bulk Cement	6.6.81
15.	Bowon	O.C.E.	Contra/Steel/Timber	14.6.81
16.	Nireus	A.A.	Bagged bBarley	9.6.81
17.	Saudi Crown	Ori	Gen/T.Formers/Sugar	14.6.81
18.	Professor Ryike	Atar	Contra/H. Lifts	15.6.81
19.	Grand Faith	Alireza	Gen/Steel/Bagged Food	12.6.81
20.	Ikarian Reefer	O.C.E.	Reefer	14.6.81
21.	Oaska Reefer	O.C.E.	Reefer	14.6.81
22.	San Francisco Maru	A.E.T.	Contra/Gen./Vehs.	13.6.81
23.	Netsaha	Algezrah	Flour/Pipe Fittings/Gen.	13.6.81
24.	Bora Universal	Star	Reefer	14.6.81
25.	Pelagos	M.T.A.	Containers	12.6.81
26.	Ming Sun	Minco	Containers	14.6.81
27.	Cardigan Bay	SAMSCO	Containers	15.6.81
28.	Dena	Fayez	Gen/M.Seeds/Garlic	14.6.81
29.	Aristanax	Alireza	Contra/Steel/Gen.	14.6.81
30.	Sun Francis	Algezrah	Gen/M. Powder/Flour	13.6.81
31.	Pearl Island	Alsaada	Bagged Barley	10.6.81
32.	Blue Mile	A.E.T.	Contra./Gen.	14.6.81
33.	Aala Iho	S.F.T.	Steel/Ply/Timber/Gen.	13.6.81
RECENT ARRIVALS:				
	Blue Maru	O.C.E.	Durra	15.6.81
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3.	Oriental Venus	Alireza	Bagged Rice	15.6.81
11.	Almar	Alsaada	General	13.6.81
13.	Asta Oho	SMC	Gen/Steel/Timber	12.6.81
15.	Belstar	Alireza	Steel Pipes	15.6.81
16.	New Eagle	Ori	General	15.6.81
17.	barge Noufa	Kanoo	General	15.6.81
20.	Spartan Reefer	OCE	Grozen Chicken	15.6.81
21.	Pioneer Leader	Barber	Cara/Ro Ro	15.6.81
28.	Georgia Rainbow	UPP	General	13.6.81
31.	Atantic	Alireza	Food Stuff	15.6.81
33.	Onping	Ori	General	14.6.81
34.	Sinning Shan	Ori	General	14.6.81
36.	Pearlfinder	Alsaabah	Cement Silo Vessel	4.1.78
37.	Pacific Leader (DB)	Alireza	Bulk Cement	14.6.81
38.	Yon Fun (DB)	Globe	Bulk Cement	15.6.81

To Russia Argentina's grain sales soar

MOSCOW, June 16 (AFP) — The Soviet Union has bought 12 million tons of grain from Argentina so far this year, which is already three times the minimum annual figure under existing bilateral arrangements, Foreign Trade Minister Carlos Garcia Martinez said here at the end of a week-long visit.

While he was here a package deal was fixed up under which the USSR will reappraise the minimum figure already contracted. The minimum is 4,500,000 tons per annum at present, but the market situation and previous U.S. embargo have meant that far more tonnage has been supplied by Argentina.

At the same time Argentina has agreed to step up its purchases from the USSR, and officials indicated that this trade especially concerned equipment and machine-tools. Thirdly, Argentina ratified a deal of krl, a small fish that abounds in the south Atlantic. The USSR will buy Argentina's surplus. The agreement also covers certain shipping arrangements.

In Buenos Aires, meanwhile, an Iraqi delegation headed by Sub-secretary for Agriculture Khaf Jahlaf Alazawi arrived Monday to discuss purchases of Argentine grains and meat.


going to talk about prices and terms of sale," said Alazawi upon his arrival at the airport, where he was met by officials of the Iraqi embassy and the head of the Argentine National Grain Board, Hoaracio Madou.

The delegation's arrival had been planned for last week. Asked if the postponement was due to Iraq's war with Iran or the Israeli bombardment of a nuclear reactor under construction outside Baghdad, Alazawi said: "I can assure you that neither the war with Iran nor the bombardment of the reactor by Israel has influenced Iraq's march toward fulfilling all its plans for progress."

India urged to resume import of foodgrains

WASHINGTON, June 16 (AP) — A report on world food needs suggests that India would do better to return to importing foodgrains as its industry grows and the demand for food increases.

It also suggests that the United States may not supply as much of the world's growing demand for food as it has in the past. India, long dependent on gifts of grain from abroad, has been able to export increasing quantities of rice in recent years — an estimated 550,000 tons in 1980.



Announcement

The Saudi Ports Authority announces that Port charges which are currently collected from Consignees/Shippers by Customs shall be levied by Jeddah and Yanbu Ports with effect from 1st Ramadan 1401. Sections have already been established at both Jeddah and Yanbu Ports to deal with the collection of such fees in accordance with the prevailing tariff.

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3. Adopt the delivery orders currently in use. The information in respect of Port charges shall be shown below the details relating to cargo identification.
4. Provide the new sections at Jeddah and Yanbu Ports with two additional copies of the delivery order to facilitate the acceptance and settlement of Port charges.
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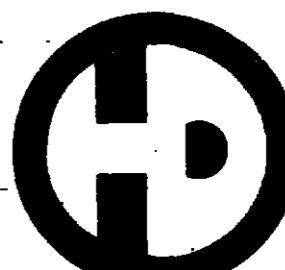
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EEC says Keeping protectionism at bay rests on Japan

BRUSSELS, June 16 (R) — The European Common Market has warned Japan that efforts to prevent a return to trade protectionism could be in vain if Japan did not try harder to buy European goods.

This was the message conveyed to Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki during more than two hours of talks at European Economic Community (EEC) headquarters, EEC sources said Monday.

Gaston Thorn, president of the EEC commission, told Suzuki that the commission shared Japan's rejection of protectionism as a solution to trade imbalances, but made clear that if trade flows were to be maintained they should be in both directions, the sources said.

EEC governments have become increasingly concerned at the community's soaring trade deficit with Japan, which totaled \$11 billion last year and rose a further 44 percent in the first four months of this year.

EEC commission officials complain that Japan maintains unfair restrictions on the import of some EEC goods, such as footwear,

at the same time as launching aggressive export drives in sectors like cars and electronics.

In talks with Suzuki, EEC Industry Commissioner Etienne Davignon called for joint ventures between EEC firms and Japanese industry, particularly in high technology sectors such as space and aeronautics where the two sides were not split by such severe competition, he said.

Davignon also urged Japan to take a longer-term view of trade relations with the EEC suggesting a 10-year term for voluntary car export agreements instead of one or two years.

EEC sources said both Thorn and Suzuki stressed their desire that the EEC commission should be the main negotiating partner for Japan on EEC-Japan trade questions.

But EEC sources said Thorn pointed out that even West Germany, the strongest supporter of free trade in the community, had felt obliged to seek a restraint agreement with Japan on exports.

Election of officials

Wrangles bog UNESCO talks

PARIS, June 16 (AP) — Closed-door talks approached marathon proportions here Tuesday, as delegations at a 35-nation UNESCO conference on Third World technology again failed to agree on electing eight new officials.

The officials were to be chosen from Third World, Western and Eastern nations as a bureau to shape a plan stepping up the participation of the developing countries in modern communications.

But new private talks this morning again failed to produce agreed names, conference sources said. The talks had begun Monday, only 40 minutes after the eight-day conference, 13 months on preparation, finally convened. Main overnight candidates for chairman had been France and Norway from the West, according to the sources.

France had emerged as a "compromise" candidate, after West Germany, Austria and

the Netherlands withdrew and Norway had declined to withdraw.

Also to be chosen were three vice-chairmen, a "rapporteur" and three other members presumably balanced between Third World, West and East.

Norwegian delegation chief Gunnar Garb had stressed Norwegian experience in Third World communications projects, citing as examples aid to regional newspapers in Tanzania and a radio service covering several African countries.

These projects are typical of many already launched individually by some participants at the conference at UNESCO (U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) headquarters here, intended to coordinate such schemes.

But many problems remained, not least over ideology and the measure of control participating government exercise over their communications. A possible wrangle also loomed over how decisions, in which there was much talk of "consensus" during the 13 months this week's conference was being prepared, would be made in future.

U.S. policy repressive, France says

PARIS, June 16 (R) — United States economic policies, now under mounting criticism from other countries worried over the impact of high interest rates, were strongly attacked by France at an international conference here Tuesday.

French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson said U.S. policies were stifling industrial investment and trade in Europe and reducing employment.

Speaking at the opening session of the annual ministerial meeting of the leading industrial democracies, the 24-nation Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Cheysson said the strong dollar and high U.S. interest rates were intolerable.

"With interest rates at 20 percent and the dollar floating in the stratosphere, employment is falling, trade suffers, no industrial investments can take place and the worst off are in the forefront of the battle against inflation," he said.

The sharp words came as an OECD staff study forecast that the West's recovery from recession may now be delayed until the end of 1982 because of the effects of high U.S. interest rates and that unemployment in the OECD area will climb still higher.

London Commodities

	June 16	June 15
Gold (\$ per ounce)	463.50	471
Silver cash (pence per ounce)	509	520
3 months	524.50	536
Copper cash	863.85	897
3 months	888.25	897
Tin cash	6385	6380
3 months	6519.50	6510
Lead cash	354.50	358
3 months	361.25	366
Zinc cash	421.50	424
3 months	421.50	425
Aluminium cash	629	632
3 months	660.25	652
Nickel cash	3105	3105
3 months	3152.50	3105
Sugar August	194.82	203
October	196.12	204.25
Coffee July	771	843
September	792.50	860
Cocoa July	792	896
September	882	828
December	860	867

Note: Prices in pounds per metric ton. The above prices are provided by Small Research & Investment Ltd., P.O. Box 6474, Tel: 6653908, Jeddah.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Tuesday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	—	9.05	9.04
Belgian Franc (1,000)	88.00	111.00	—
Canadian Dollar	2.83	—	2.8450
Deutsche Mark (100)	144.00	145.80	145.70
Dutch Guilder (100)	129.00	—	131.05
Egyptian Pound	—	4.02	4.23
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	—	92.75
French Franc (100)	60.00	61.40	61.35
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	63.00	59.50
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	40.25
Iranian Rial (100)	—	25.00	—
Israeli Dinar	—	8.00	—
Japanese Yen (10,000)	29.00	30.00	29.40
Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.40	—	15.63
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.25	10.31
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.18	12.17
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	80.35	80.00
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	66.00	62.40
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	34.45
Philippines Peso (100)	—	—	43.40
Pound Sterling	6.76	6.87	6.85
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	—	93.00
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	—	159.80
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	—	36.50
Swiss Franc (100)	166.00	167.85	166.90
Syrian Lira (100)	—	53.30	52.10
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	33.50	—
U.S. Dollar	3.40	3.4090	3.4020
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	74.70	74.20

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Dollar suffers further setback

J. H. Hammond

JEDDAH, June 16 — Dollar interest rates continued to ease Tuesday dragging local deposit rates with them. Tuesday, European exchange markets also saw the dollar fall against most major currencies. The underlying sentiment seems to be one of having seen dollar interest rates peak and that the dollar's decline now will be rapid.

To underscore this feeling, further cuts in the American commercial banks' prime rates were announced. Chemical Bank led the way Monday night by reducing the prime rate to 19 percent from 20 percent and other major banks are expected to follow suit. However, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York did intervene in money markets to push up "Fed funds" rates to 21 percent at one level when they had fallen below 16 percent at one stage.

With this confusing picture emerging as to the next likely course of dollar interest rate levels, the dollar opened weak on Tuesday's exchange markets, especially against the pound which hovered just under the 2.00 dollar level all day. It had closed at 1.9925 levels in New York. Financial analysts said the pound would have gone up even higher against the dollar had it also been announced from Britain that the British National Oil Company would reduce North Sea oil prices by \$4.25 per barrel.

The French franc and the German mark also recovered slightly with the franc doing most of the strengthening. After closing in New York at 5.56 levels Monday night, the franc was quoted at 5.5610 levels initially,

but later fell to 5.5830 levels. Similarly, the mark closed at 2.33 levels in New York, but later fell in Europe on Tuesday to 2.3430 levels after profit taking. The yen did far better than other currencies by averaging at 219.90 levels after closing at 220.25 levels in New York. Little intervention by the European central banks was reported who seem to be pursuing their present "wait and see" policy as far as the dollar interest rates are concerned.

The American dollar interest rates continued to ease by as much as 1/2 percent in the short tenors. One-month and three-month JIBOR rates were 17.738 — 18 percent and 17 1/2 — 17 3/4 percent respectively with the market still expecting a further cut. Local riyal deposit rates fell even more dramatically, by as much as 2 percent in some tenors. Altogether, the interest differential between the riyal and dollar interest rates has widened in favor of the latter by as much as 2-3 percent with one-month JIBOR rates being quoted at 14 — 14 1/2 percent by Tuesday afternoon compared to opening levels of 14 3/4 — 15 1/4 percent in the morning. On Sunday, the rates were 16 1/2 — 17 1/4 percent for the same tenor. Similar sharp falls in short-term riyal deposit rates were reported by local dealers with one-week fixed coming at 14 1/2 percent.

Surprisingly, spot riyal/dollar exchange rates moved up by the end of the day Tuesday with Bahrain brokers reporting opening rates of 3.3993-03 in the morning, but which later rose to 3.4005-15 by Tuesday closing.

Russia, China sign trade pact


MOSCOW, June 16 (AP) — The Soviet Union and China Tuesday signed a trade and payments agreement for 1981, Tass reported.

The agreement, Chinese sources said that the two sides had agreed on a trade turnover of 400 million Swiss francs (\$200 million at current exchange rates), down 40 percent from last year's figure.

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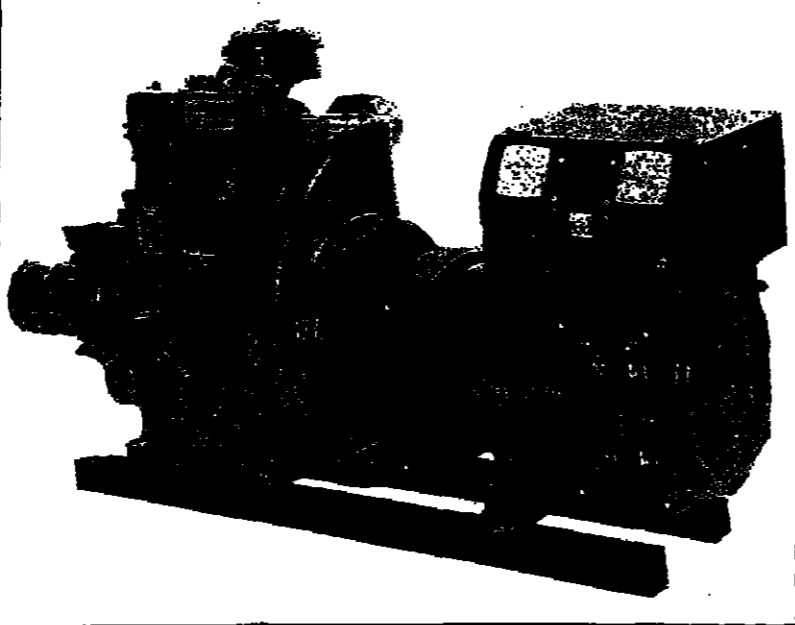
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Indonesia gets past Taiwan

JAKARTA, June 16 (R) — A late second half goal by Hadi Ismanto enabled Indonesia to beat Taiwan 1-0 in the Asia-Oceania Group B World Cup Soccer qualifying round here today. Both the teams are out of the running for a place in the World Cup Soccer finals to be held in Spain. Indonesia have three points from five outings while cellar-dwelling Taiwan has just one point from five matches.

Meanwhile, powerful Austria should sweep effortlessly past Finland Wednesday to improve their chances of joining Group favourites West Germany in the finals in Spain next year.

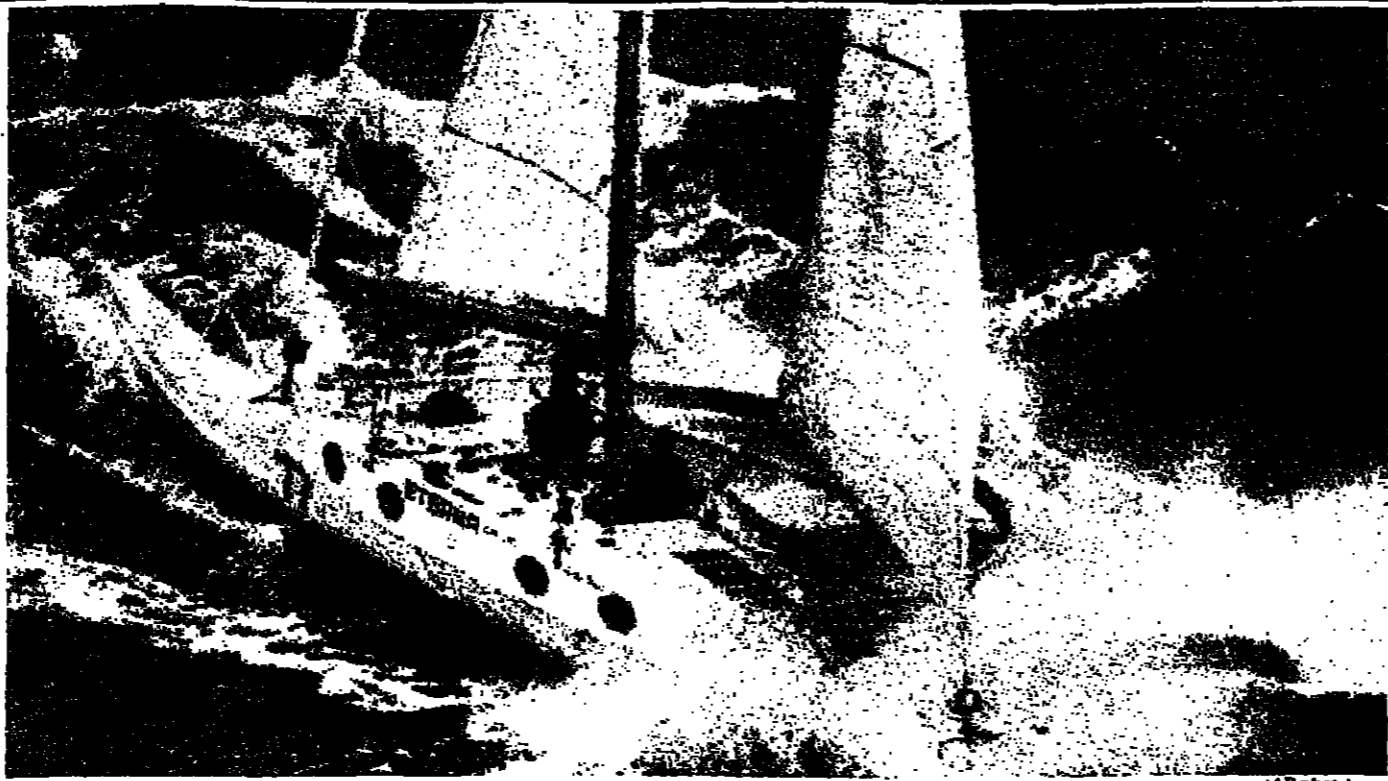
The only remaining danger to Austria's Group One ambitions are Bulgaria who lie in third place with six points from five games. But Austria have a two point advantage as well as a vastly superior goal difference and Finland, who have failed to score while conceding 14 goals in their five previous ties, are unlikely to pose much of a threat.

Austrian manager Karl Storz has made just one change from the team that beat Bulgaria 2-0 last month, bringing in young striker Jernot Jurin, who scored five goals for Sturm Graz in a League match last week. Jurin replaces Christian Keglevits, who was substituted against Bulgaria by Walter Schachner.

"The crowd's expectation of a big victory could be a burden for the players, so they will just have to forget all about it," Storz said. Finnish manager Esko Mäki said his players were starting to find the rhythm which saw them beat Hungary 2-1 and gain two draws with the Soviet Union in qualifying matches for the European Championship last season.

In Oslo, Switzerland will be seeking to avenge an embarrassing home defeat by Norway last October when the two countries clashed Wednesday.

The Norwegian part timers virtually destroyed Switzerland's hopes of reaching the finals in Spain when they beat them 2-1 in a European Group Four match. It was Switzerland's opening match in the Group, and though they have since inflicted an equally embarrassing defeat on England the Swiss have only an outside chance of getting to Spain.



DISTRESS: Frenchmen Jean-Marie Vidal and Ellie Aigon struggle to trim sail on their frail vessel 'Eterna Royal Quartz', before bowing out of the trans-Atlantic Yachting Race with a broken mast.

Blyth forges further ahead

PARIS, June 16 (AFP) — Chay Blyth and Robert James drew even further ahead Monday in the two-handed Transatlantic Yachting Race. The Englishmen in their trimaran 'Brittany Ferries' had increased their lead over Canadian Michael Birch's 'Tele-7-jours' to 154 miles Monday morning.

The Englishmen's yacht, one of an armada of more than 100 which left Plymouth bound for Newport Rhode Island on June 6, has been helped along by a north-east wind.

Meanwhile, it was reported that it was an amateur radio 'Ham' from the town of Creutzwald, near Metz, who received the distress signal on Thursday from Frenchmen Jean-Marie Vidal and Ellie Aigon, 2,000 miles out in the Atlantic in their frail 'Eterna Royal Quartz'.

Jean Jacques Depriester, monitoring the emergency band, spoke with Vidal who told him that his mast was broken and that part of his sail was in the water.

In Milan soccer tournament

Penarol start as favorites

MILAN, Italy, June 16 (AP) — Two Latin American and three European soccer teams, with a glorious past and a poorer present, begin a "Supercup" tournament in Milan Tuesday night — the first edition of a yearly competition which is going to appoint a "Super Club" by 1986.

The winner of this year's edition, pitting former European Cup and Inter-Continental Cup Champions, gains a berth in the 1986 grand final and an immediate bonus of \$100,000 and gold medals.

Penarol of Montevideo and Santos of Brazil will rely on their regular players to face the European challengers while Holland's Feyenoord and Internazionale and Milan of Milan resorted to one star each on loan to strengthen their lineups.

Feyenoord signed for the June 16-28 tournament Dutch veteran Ruud Krol, a former star of Ajax and of the national team who is presently owned by Napoli of Naples.

Milan contracted Johan Cruyff, the former World Cup hero of Holland while Internazionale will field Tony Woodcock, the British striker who plays in Germany.

The round-robin competition organized by a private Italian television company in a major challenge to the state-run radio and

television network, will be a good stage for those foreign players seeking employment with Italian teams for the next season.

Cruyff, whose contract with a Spanish Second Division team has expired, told a news conference Monday that he was willing to settle in Italy.

Another Dutchman, Arie Haan, of Feyenoord, said he hoped to get an Italian contract through a good showing in Milan while Krol already signed for two more years with Napoli.

Penarol, fielding national team stars Ruben Paz and Ramos, was rated as the favorite team as Internazionale and Milan, which have just completed a long and tiring season, looked far from top condition while Santos and Feyenoord did not show well in their National Championship.

Penarol will debut in the tournament against Internazionale Tuesday. In the second match of the night Milan will face Feyenoord.

Two matches per night in the 80,000-seat San Siro Stadium, with fans paying a single ticket ranging from 3,500 to 50,000 lire was the big novelty of the competition, which awards \$40,000 and silver medals to the runner-up team.

In all-England Borg, Chris top-seeded

WIMBLEDON, England June 16 (AP) — Bjorn Borg and Chris Evert-Lloyd were named Monday as the top seeds in the all-England Tennis Championships at Wimbledon, starting in a week's time.

Borg, going for his sixth straight Wimbledon title, headed the men's seeding list with John McEnroe No. 2 and Jimmy Connors No. 3.

The all-England club, which uses the world computer rankings for guidance only and retains its independence in seeding players, recognized the challenge by the young Czech stars.

Ivan Lendl, runner-up to Borg in the French Open this month, was made No. 4 seed in the men's singles. Hana Mandlikova, who has won the Australian and French opens and is halfway to the women's Grand Slam, is No. 2 seed behind Evert-Lloyd.

Tracy Austin, short of practice because of a back injury, was named as third seed in the women's. Martina Navratilova, champion in 1978 and 1979, was seeded fourth. Evonne Goolagong Cawley of Australia, the 1980

women's champion, is not defending her title.

MEN'S SINGLES SEEDINGS: 1. Bjorn Borg, Sweden, 2. John McEnroe U.S., 3. Jimmy Connors, U.S., 4. Ivan Lendl, Czechoslovakia, 5. Gene Mayer, U.S., 6. Brian Teacher, U.S., 7. Brian Gottfried, U.S., 8. Roscoe Tanner, U.S., 9. Jose-Luis Clerc, Argentina, 10. Guillermo Vilas, Argentina, 11. Victor Pecci, Paraguay, 12. Peter MacNamara, Australia, 13. Yannick Noah, France, 14. Wojtek Fibak, Poland, 15. Wojtek Fibak, Poland, 15. Balazs Taroczy, Hungary, and 16. Vitas Gerulaitis, U.S.

WOMEN'S SINGLES: 1. Chris Evert-Lloyd, U.S., 2. Hana Mandlikova, Czechoslovakia, 3. Tracy Austin, U.S., 4. Martina Navratilova, U.S., 5. Andrea Jaeger, U.S., 6. Wendy Turnbull, Australia, 7. Pam Shriver, U.S., 8. Virginia Ruzici, Romania, 9. Sylla Hanika, Germany, 10. Mima Jausovec, Yugoslavia, 11. Dianne Fromholtz, Australia, 12. Kathy Jordan, U.S., 13. Bettina Bunge, U.S., 14. Barbara Potter, U.S., 15. Regina Marsikova, Czechoslovakia, and 16. Joanne Russell, U.S.

Draw favors McEnroe

LONDON, June 16 (AFP) — American John McEnroe, the man they call "Super-brat", got the luck of the draw at the all-England Club here Tuesday for the tennis tournament, beginning June 22.

Top seed Bjorn Borg of Sweden has a tough bunch of aces to fight through in the top half of the table, with possible opponents West German Rolf Geyring (who beat him last year in Brussels), Americans Vitas Gerulaitis (16th seed), Victor Amaya (who almost beat Borg three years ago at Wimbledon), Brian Gottfried (seventh seed), and finally, 1974 Wimbledon champion Jimmy Connors (third).

McEnroe, who recently made newspaper headlines for yelling at a woman umpire, should have it easy American Tom Gullik-

son, Mexican Raul Ramirez, American Bob Lutz, Hungarian Balazs Taroczy (15), France's Yannick (13th), American Gene Mayer (fifth) and finally American Roscoe Tanner (eighth) or Czech Ivan Lendl (fourth) as his possible adversaries.

Lendl beat McEnroe in straight sets in the French Open but that was on clay and Wimbledon is played on grass a faster surface more suited to the Americans big serve-an-volley game.

In the women's event, American Chris Evert-Lloyd, champion in 1974 and 1976 and losing finalist here the past two years would seem to have the harder half, with compatriots Tracy Austin, Andrea Jaeger, and Kathy Rinaldi, all young and hungry, in her way.

Boxing promoter Fields jailed

LOS ANGELES, June 16 (R) — Boxing promoter Ross Fields, who put up some of the most lavish purses in boxing has been ordered by a court to serve 40 weekends in jail and to donate 1,500 hours to charitable work.

Fields, formerly known as Harold Smith, who was chairman of the Muhammad Ali Professional Sports (MAPS) group, was sentenced Monday on a charge of falsifying a

passport application. "I felt the sentence was very fair, a just punishment," he told reporters outside court.

Fields, whose sentence begins on June 27, was ordered by the court to carry out his charitable work in a "hospital setting" and was also placed on probation for five years.

Fields, 38, is estimated to have put up boxing purses totalling about \$20 million in his two years as a promoter. Former world heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali has said he permitted Fields' organization to use his name for a fee.

Fields has been named as a defendant in a lawsuit filed by the Wells Fargo Bank here seeking to regain \$21.3 million in funds it alleged he had fraudulently withdrawn.

BRIEFS

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Uruguay won its second game and Thailand picked up one victory Tuesday in the qualifying round of the 11th President's Cup International Soccer Tournament at Chonju, 150 miles (240 kms) south of here. Uruguay's Danubio team defeated Indonesia 3-1 while the aggressive Thais scored two goals in the second half after a scoreless first half to defeat Liechtenstein.

HONG KONG (AP) — Defending champion Taiwan beat Hong Kong 1-0 and Thailand defeated India 1-0 Monday in the semifinals of the Asian cup Women's Soccer Tournament.

FRANKFURT, West Germany, (AFP) — World champions Pakistan held Netherlands, winners of the PIA Champions Trophy in Karachi in January, to a 1-1 draw on the first day of the Frankfurt Hockey Tournament Monday. Australia, runners-up in Karachi, drew 2-2 with West Germany.

Rugby pioneer bids farewell to Jeddah

By Laurie Thomas

JEDDAH, June 16 — Now that the Jeddah rugby team has recovered from their euphoria at the end of an unbeaten season, they will have to reconcile themselves with the news that Tony Wood, team-manager and organizer will soon be leaving Jeddah for good. After six years, Tony has decided to return to England and continue his career there.

It was in September 1978 that he first had the idea of organizing a rugby team in Jeddah, and from an initial band of 12 enthusiasts, the group grew to over fifty players by the end of the first season. Under his leadership, rugby has continued to flourish in Jeddah and he can be proud to leave behind him a team that can justly call themselves "champions of Saudi Arabia."

Tony actually took up rugby in 1965 while working in South Africa, because, he says, "I always wanted to try rugby and I needed to get fit." He did both in good measure. He joined the famous Johannesburg Wanderers Club and under the guidance of ex-Springbok, Des Sinclair, he shed 35 kilos and in his second season was voted club player of the year. Not bad for a club that boasted over a thousand members. He recalls clearly his early playing days and thinks his finest moment was representing the Wanderers in a celebration match on Swaziland Independence Day in 1968. Johannesburg stormed to a 44-0 victory.

However, with the glory also came the misfortune of two serious injuries, both requiring surgery, which virtually ended his serious playing career. In fact, he continued playing

competitive rugby until the start of this season and stopped only when the abundance of keen players made his function as a referee more valuable to the team. Naturally, with all his playing experience, Tony has made a memorable job in his refereeing capacity, and in order to encourage this memory, it is rumored that the players presented him with a mounted white stick at his farewell dinner. However, Tony was not available to comment on this rumor.

Although he was unsure of how rugby

would progress in Jeddah, Tony hoped that the near future would see JRFC as part of a national rugby league. With teams now thriving in six places in Saudi Arabia, only the transport costs prohibit such a league starting. However, JRFC's future will be without Tony, who is planning a well-deserved holiday before starting work again in England. He is scheduled to leave on June 25, and will take with him the best wishes of all the many friends, both in and out of Jeddah, that rugby has brought his way.



IN ACTION: Tony Wood (second from left) looks out for any infringements at a scrum, during one of the JRFC matches this season.

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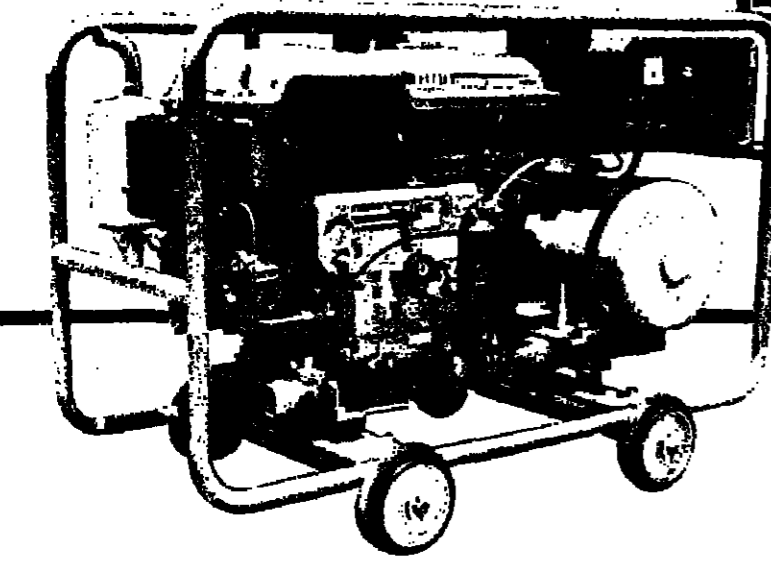
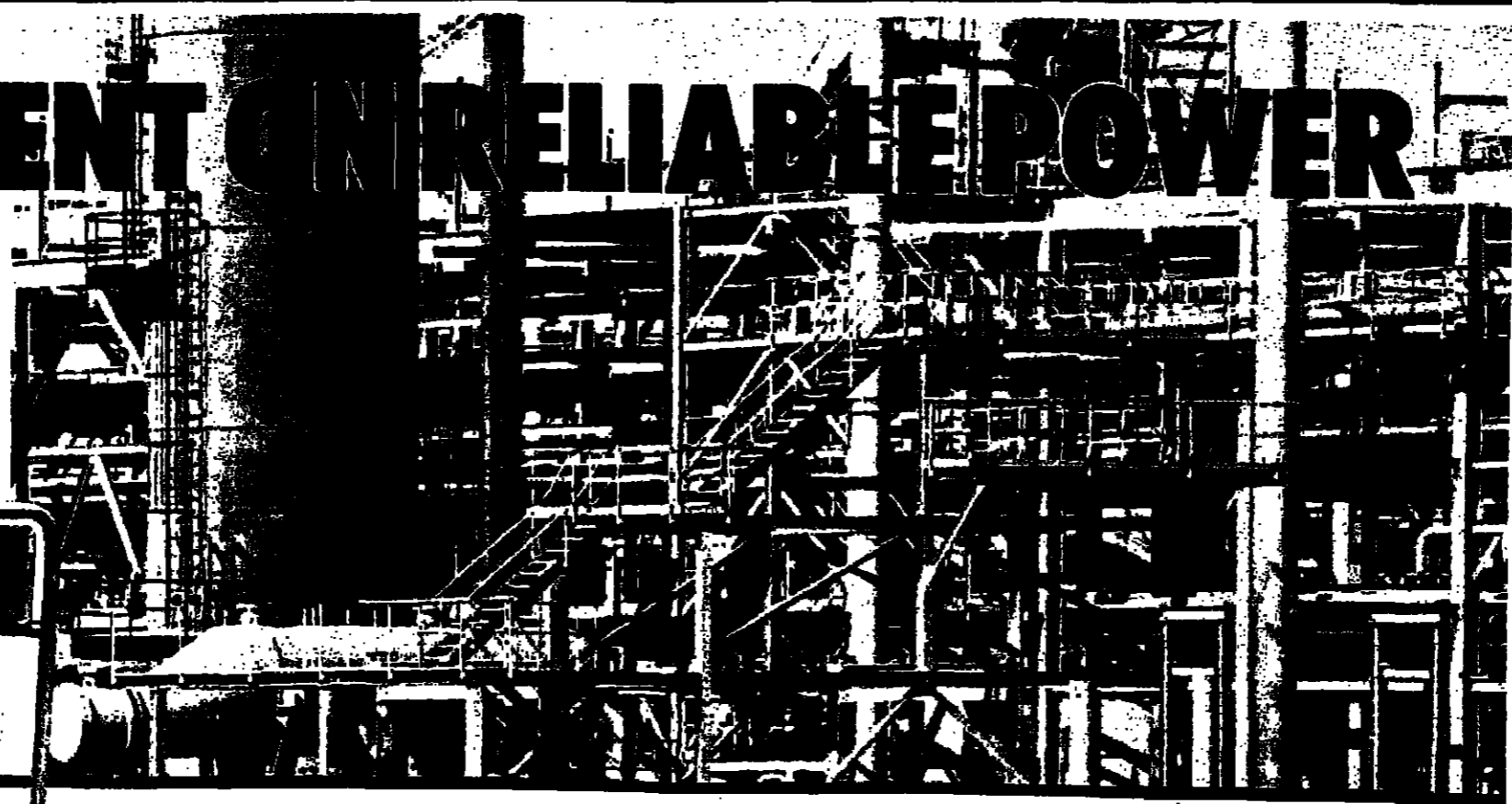
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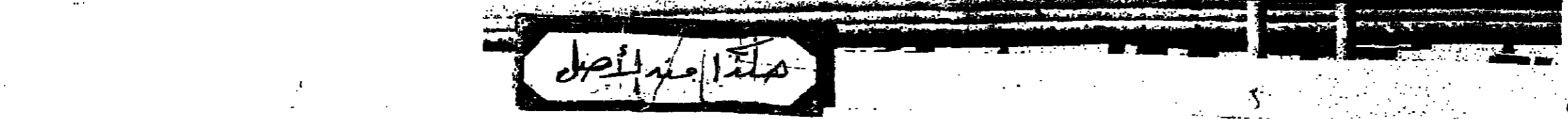
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J.S. baseball strike

Talks to end deadlock resume

NEW YORK, June 16 (AP) — Talks med at ending the major league baseball rike resumed Tuesday, Federal mediator cneath Moffett said.

Miller, bristling at claims by some club owners that he was a roadblock to a settlement, said he wanted the owners negotiators to see that how strongly the players felt about the compensation issue.

News-American. "But maybe the only way we are going to get this settled... is to have the issue go to binding arbitration."

Saudia-Milk football trophy presented

JEDDAH, June 16 — The awards presentation of the Saudia-Milk Football League trophy off with a winner Wednesday night (10) despite the valiant effort of league secretary Peter Dixon.



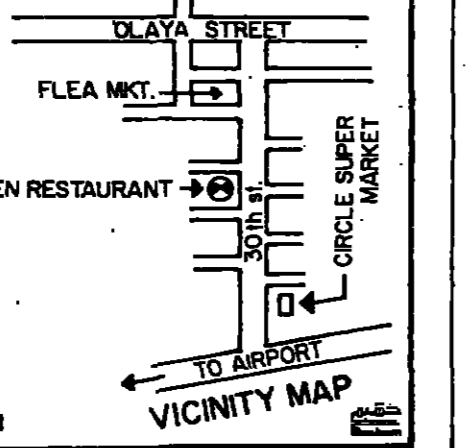
PRESENTS: Peter Dixon, the Saudia-Milk League secretary, presents Stephanos Charlambois, the AS J&P captain, the Third Division Football trophy Wednesday.

accepted risk in any refereeing situation, all the referees have been deterred by the level of complaint and abuse voiced by a certain section of the players.

JPS returning to motor track

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WINNERS: French bred Jorky (right) crossing the finish line ahead of Ideal Du Gazzeau (center) and Speedy Min (Swedish) in that order, in the Copenhagen Cup Trotting Race, recently in Copenhagen. Jorky won the race in a mediocre 16.3 seconds.

Magnificent all-round performance by Hadlee

LONDON, June 16 (R) — New Zealand fast bowler Richard Hadlee followed his century for Nottinghamshire Saturday with a fiery spell of bowling against Yorkshire in the English County Cricket Championship Monday.

by 133 on first innings. Brief scores: At Bradford: Nottinghamshire 322 for eight declared in 94 overs. Yorkshire 78 all out in 59.1 overs and 140 for three (G. Boycott 66 not out, J. Hampshire 42).



Richard Hadlee. Meanwhile, the Australian cricket team, challenged by Middlesex to score at 76 runs an hour at Lord's, turned down the offer and went for a safe draw.

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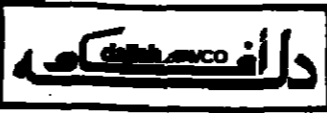
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Reagan invited

U.S. agrees to sell lethal arms to China

PEKING, June 16 (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig said Tuesday night the administration of President Ronald Reagan will lift restrictions against sales of lethal arms to China and that an official of the Chinese army will come to Washington in August to explore purchasing U.S. arms.

Haig told a news conference at the conclusion of his three-day official visit here that there will be a "loosening up" of restrictions on arms sales to China although he cautioned that doesn't mean there will be a major amount of arms purchases by the Chinese.

He said the administration has decided to remove the so-called munitions list restrictions that had previously banned arms sales to China. This apparently is something the administration can do without congressional approval.

Haig disclosed that Liu Huangqing, vice chief of the general staff of China's People's Liberation Army, will head a delegation that will visit the United States in August to explore possible arms purchases. "A special Chinese request will be considered in conjunction with appropriate consultations with Congress and, where necessary, appropriate consultation with affected allies," Haig said.

The possibility of arms sales to China

appeared to be the most significant result of Haig's visit here, which included three days of talks with China's top leaders, including Premier Zhao Ziyang and Communist Vice Chairman Deng Xiaoping.

Haig said he extended an invitation from President Reagan for Zhao to visit the United States next year and that Zhao had accepted. He said Zhao also repeated his invitation to Reagan to visit China and this would be discussed further at a later date.

It was clear that Haig did not completely satisfy Peking's concern over the U.S. government's relations with the Republic of China. Haig told reporters that he had explained to the Communist leaders the nature of the "unofficial relationship" with Taipei and told them that it "will be continued and this was understood" by the Chinese. Asked if this was acceptable to the Chinese, Haig refused to say.

On the sensitive question of whether the Reagan administration will sell sophisticated jet aircraft to Taipei, something China adamantly oppose, Haig said this clearly was "a very sensitive issue." He said it was discussed but then added this is "neither the time nor the place to go further into that matter."

He characterized his visit here as being "unusually productive" and said it helped restore momentum of the U.S.-Chinese relationship that had been interrupted in recent months. "It foreshadows the prospect that President Reagan's administration will be marked by a major expansion of Sino-American friendship and Sino-American cooperation," Haig told reporters.

The Chinese appeared more cautious in their assessment of Haig's visit. In a toast at a banquet Tuesday night, Foreign Minister Huang Hua called Haig's visit successful and said the talks with Haig were "very useful."

However, Huang made the point that "our two sides do not entirely share the same views..." And while he noted that Haig underlined the administration's support for the terms of the Sino-U.S. communique on the establishment of diplomatic relations, he made clear the Chinese want to see the words backed up with action.

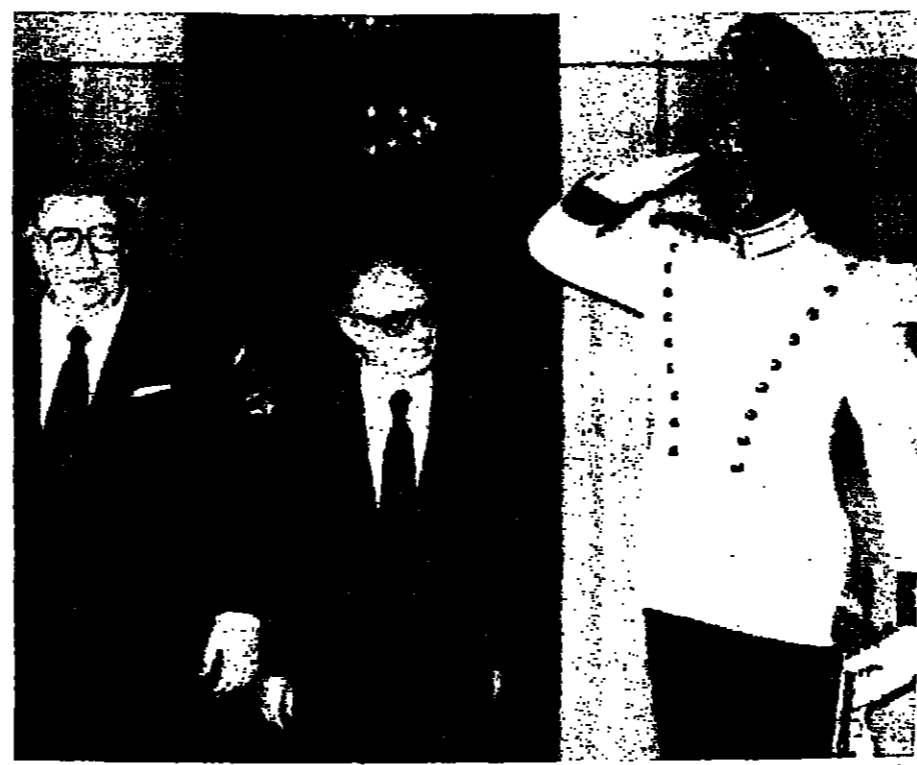
"Not only must we protect this cornerstone with great care, we must also prove with our own actions that it can stand tests," he said. "This point can never be over-stressed."

Haig met for two hours with Deng Tuesday and then conferred with Zhao in an ornate reception room. Haig's meeting with Zhao was held in the brilliantly painted and gilded pavilion of royal luminance. Built during the Ching Dynasty, it has purple walls, a green ceiling, white columns, a red carpet and gold decorations.

Haig's spokesman told newsmen that Deng had asked Haig to "convey his best wishes" to Reagan and Vice President George Bush. He also sent his regards to former President Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford.

Grisha Filipov named premier of Bulgaria

SOFIA, June 16 (AP) — Grisha Filipov was Tuesday named Bulgarian prime minister succeeding Stanko Todorov whose resignation was approved by parliament earlier, the national news agency BTA said. Todorov, who has been premier since 1971, has been elected president of the National Assembly, the agency said.



SALUTE TO SPADOLINI: Republican Giovanni Spadolini (left) gets a salute from the guard in Rome Monday as he leaves the office of President Sandro Pertini who has asked the leader of the small Republican Party to form the 41st postwar government of Italy. Spadolini is expected to announce his success or failure to form a cabinet by Friday.

French rightists rest hope on first-round abstainers

PARIS, June 16 (R) — France's center-right parties, facing a general election defeat of historic proportions, are counting on millions of first-round abstainers to halt the Socialist landslide in next Sunday's decisive runoff vote.

More than 29 percent of the country's 36.4 million registered voters stayed at home last weekend when the Socialist Party followed up last month's presidential election victory by capturing just over 37 percent of the popular vote.



SUICIDE ATTEMPT: An unidentified man jumps from a ledge 19 floors above the ground in New York Monday after rescue workers failed to dissuade him from the suicidal attempt. He landed in a police air bag—a large inflated landing pad which cushioned his fall. He was taken to a nearby hospital alive after the fall.

Germans search for lost missile

BONN, June 16 (R) — West German police and air force helicopters searched Monday for an air-to-air missile accidentally dropped from a fighter aircraft over northern Bavaria. The American-designed Sidewinder, painted white and nearly three meters (nine feet) long, could explode if touched, a Luftwaffe (air force) spokesman warned in a radio interview.

The missile was lost Monday by a Phantom fighter during a training flight over the Nuremberg area, but the pilot did not notice it was missing until after he landed. People in the area were told of the danger the same day. The Luftwaffe spokesman said a technical fault was almost certainly to blame for the incident, which he described as unprecedented.

Attorneys want trial delayed in Poland

WARSAW, June 16 (AFP) — The trial of four Polish dissidents was for the second time pushed back for another day Tuesday as defense attorneys asked for a month's delay to study the enormous files on the case compiled by the prosecution.

The court seemed in no hurry to try the four leaders of the "Confederation for an Independent Poland (KPN)," apparently fearing the political backlash of any verdict rendered before the ninth Polish Communist Party Congress set to open July 14.

Court officials appear well aware that a harsh verdict in the first dissident trial since last summer's strikes could trigger the anger of the independent union federation Solidarity. Leniency could spark the wrath of Poland's Communist hard-liners and the Soviet Union. Tuesday's session lasted two hours while Monday's went only an hour before adjourning. The court was expected to render its decision Wednesday on the motion for a postponement of the trial.

All signs point to a long trial for the four dissidents, who could face death or a minimum of five years in prison if convicted of acting "against the political interests of People's Poland." Polish authorities have submitted a file on the case consisting of 15 thick volumes and prosecutors say they plan to call 57 witnesses as well as producing 51 written depositions.

A team of attorneys is defending the four dissidents: Leszek Moczulski, 50, a historian and journalist, Tadeusz Jandziszak, 38, also historian, and two lawyers, Tadeusz Stanski, 32, and Romuald Szeremietew, 35.

The indictment charges that the confederation set up last September was a foreign-backed group created to "forcefully overthrow the Polish constitutional system, weaken national defense and provoke a breach of Poland's alliances with the Soviet Union and the Socialist countries."

Moczulski, accused of "hostility" to the Polish regime in his writings and interviews, was arrested in September, and his co-defendants were taken into custody in November and December. All appeared in court on their own recognizance since a Warsaw court freed them from jail on June 4 in a move that ended a wave of protest hunger strikes in several Polish cities.

The committee for the liberation of political prisoners created under the aegis of Solidarity, has charged that the KPN dissidents were being persecuted for "crimes of conscience" in violation of the Gdansk accords that ended last summer's strikes and gave birth to Poland's burgeoning reform movement.

In Ottawa, Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau urged the Soviet Union Monday not to use force to resolve the crisis in Poland. Dealing with East-West tensions in parliament, he said it was essential for the West "to take a mutual stand so that in the event of a direct threat there will be a swift and decisive response." But he said he did not think Moscow would resort to force of arms, and warned that in Poland, "the Soviet Union should know that recourse to arms is a losing game for them and for all the world."

Good Morning

By Jihad Al Khazen

He told me of an article he recently, proving that memory is eclectic (Eck what? Ah yes, I thought you might ask. Eclectic, meaning taking in this and that, according to convenience.) Memory in other words retains what it wants and discards what it finds unacceptable.

My answer was that not only memory but the sense of hearing is also eclectic. And wasn't there that great Turkish leader who, it is claimed, could fail to hear ten thousand demonstrators protesting against his rule right outside his window, while picking out clearly the mezzow whisper a colleague utters ten closed doors away?

Very interesting, he said. But also quite explicable, since we all know what politicians are like. What's even more interesting is the eclectic hearing of ordinary humdrum persons. Like my teenage son, for instance. A humdrum chap if ever there was one. Yet so selective in hearing that you might easily take him for a Turkish politician.

He might be standing right over the phone, which rings and rings during everyone crazy. But the lad doesn't seem to notice, standing serenely, dreaming his dreams. But then let there be his best friend on the line, and let him be in closed doors away from the phone, and this latter guy the merest beep.

He would storm through breaking doors and knocking over vases to get there before the first ring is completed. You can also argue with him about his school marks or habits of spending, and he would hear every word and give back in return. But let his other, sitting right there next to him ask for a glass of water and would be stricken with immediate deafness. Here no amount of shouting avails. The lad simply isn't there — his dreamy look comes over him again and you might as well be shouting at a wall.

Is there a word stronger than "eclectic," he wondered.

Translated from Ashraf Al Ajwa

Iraqi forces shell Ahwaz, Iran says

NICOSIA, June 16 (AP) — Iran charged that the Iraqi forces shelled the city Ahwaz, capital of the southern Iranian province of Khuzistan three times Monday, killing two women and wounding 13 children.

A communique carried by the official Iranian news agency, Pars, said the heavy artillery shelling came as battles also raged in other Khuzistan fronts at Darabad, Susangerd, Muhammadiyeh, Navard, Alho-Akbar where two Iranian soldiers were also killed and 20 others wounded.

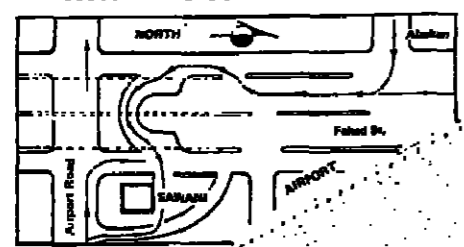
Another war report carried by Pars from the western front said the Iranian forces repulsed a sixth counterattack Monday by Iraqi forces on the Kaveh Zaza, Marashan Dalani Heights. Iraq in turn charged the Iranian positions in the Abadan area with the southern Iraqi city of Basrah with 17th artillery, killing seven persons and wounding 38 others.

A communique broadcast by Pars radio said the shelling came from the Ahwaz area opposite Basrah across the Shatt Al-Arab Waterway. The communique claimed the Iraqi forces killed 67 Iranian troops in the past 24 hours on the front. It conceded nine Iraqi deaths.

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